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GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE
TO THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS.

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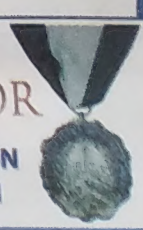

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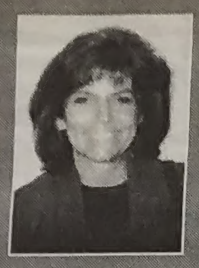

LAPD Officers Help In Recovery At The World Trade Center

Mitzi Grasso, President

As dust settled over the ruins of New York's World Trade Center, the Los Angeles Police Protective League sent 12 officers to help the victims of America's worst terrorist attack. Joining hundreds of other highly trained urban search and rescue experts, including members of the Los Angeles City Fire Department, LAPD officers worked with heavy hearts and the knowledge that colleagues they never knew may be lost forever.

LAPPL ESTABLISHES DAY OF COURAGE SUPPORT FUND

With over 300 brave firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel among those who are missing or have lost their lives responding unselfishly to the disaster that occurred in New York, the LAPPL has established a Day of Courage Support Fund to assist the children of their police counterparts in New York.

As law enforcement professionals, our hearts go out particularly to the hundreds of emergency personnel who gave up their lives Tuesday in service to their fellow Americans. They are the fallen heroes of this great tragedy. We have established this fund to help police officers' families bear through this extraordinarily difficult time, so that they can focus on being together and commemorating their loved ones.

As Bob Baker said to the media, "We are touched by the kindness that safety personnel in Los Angeles have shown already by going to New York to help in the rescue efforts, as some of our area search teams have done. We also admire the generosity of LA residents who have donated blood to blood banks or offered their homes to stranded travelers. We hope that they can extend their hearts once more and offer support to the children of heroes."

How to Donate

Make checks payable to: "Eagle & Badge Foundation" with: "Day of Courage Support Fund" on the memo line. Send checks to LAPPL, Attn: Day of Courage Support Fund, 1308 W. 8th Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

All donations will be sent directly to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the representative organization for all NYPD officers. We continue to offer our thoughts and prayers to all those affected by the tragic events and hope that this support fund will ease the burdens now placed on many of the police officers' families.

FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES

I am pleased to report that Mayor James K. Hahn will soon be delivering on his campaign promise by beginning to implement a flexible work schedule for police officers in two Divisions in October.

It'll take some time for flexible work schedules to be rolled out across the entire Department. However, it is important to note that the Mayor said he will begin implementing flexible schedules to officers even before a study of the proposal is completed. "I think we've studied things enough… I'm committed to seeing this done." The Mayor and most City Council members recognize that the City has to do everything it can to retain experienced police officers and recruit new officers because LAPD is losing officers twice as fast as it can hire new recruits.

WORK SCHEDULES - MYTH VS. FACT

Some ill-informed critics of flexible work schedules claim that a study has never been completed on whether the three-day week is feasible or cost-effective. As Joe Friday might say – "Let's look at the facts." LAPD's Ad-Hoc Committee on Compressed Work Schedules completed a study on the impact of flexible work schedules in Los Angeles in 1994. It indicated that, with flexible work schedules, LAPD can feasibly add more than 141 officers to the Department, while also saving city taxpayers between $24 and $100 million a year.

Flexible work schedules will give our rank-and-file officers a new lease of energy as they enjoy a better balance between work and life, and they will help recruit new, badly needed officers, too. Mayor Hahn's plan will put more officers on the street, reduce costs to taxpayers, enhance recruitment and retention, and help make Los Angeles a safer place to live.

CARUSO TO LEAD POLICE COMMISISON

I am pleased to report that real estate developer Rick Caruso, who was recently elected President of the Los Angeles Police Commission, pledged that his first priority will be improving officer morale, recruitment and retention. "The

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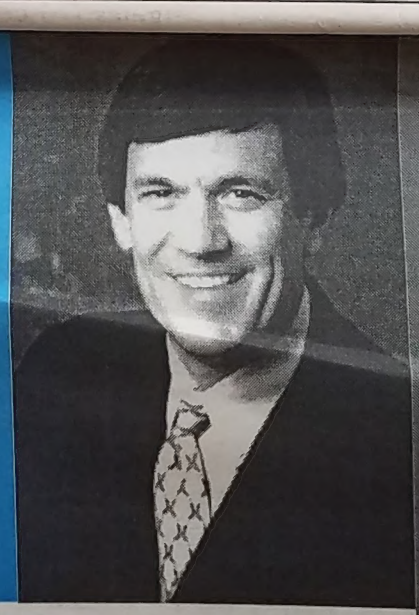

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Valley Secession And The LAPD

Bob Baker, Vice President

As the debate over Valley secession continues to heat up, I am reminded of how much city politics tend to be like kids playing in a sandbox. The key players always get down and dirty, and throwing miscellaneous information around like throwing sand will ultimately get you nowhere – it will just create an even bigger mess and hurt feelings.

This seems to be the case with the two sides of the secession argument. Each side has its reasons for wanting to stay a part of Los Angeles or annex itself, and continues to throw out these reasons, rather than trying to work together to find solutions to both of their problems.

The same arguments are starting to brew regarding police service in the Valley and what the options would be with secession. Inadequate police service is one of the reasons secessionists have cited for wanting their independence. They point to a *Los Angeles Times* article from 1996 that stated that, in the Valley, there are 1.1 police per 1,000 residents, while in Los Angeles they are assigned 2.2 police per 1,000 residents. Five years later, in the midst of morale and attrition problems at LAPD, these figures may be on more of an even plane. However, this is a valid concern for all Angelenos, not just in the Valley. But the Valley residents should not have to secede to obtain quality police services.

Whatever happens with the secession movement – the LAPPL has not yet taken a stance on the issue – it is our main concern to keep the residents of Los Angeles protected and our officers on the job. We are now starting to consider the issue more seriously, though, after Sheriff Lee Baca this summer announced that his agency could police the Valley for $100 million less than his counterparts at the LAPD, should the Valley secede. We at the League were quite amused by Sheriff Baca's costing analysis.

I thought you might like to know the truth.

When the City worked with the Sheriff's Department on a recent policing contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), it was revealed that policing costs for both LAPD and the Sheriff's Department were nearly identical. If the pay and benefits packages are the same for both agencies, than how can the Sheriff magically reduce the budget for policing the Valley by $100 million?

Apparently, it's easy – you just cut out all specialized resources currently offered by the LAPD. This includes: gang officers, motorcycle officers, traffic officers, narcotics officers, vice officers, a variety of Special Enforcement Units, Metropolitan Division, Mounted Units, K-9, Helicopter Patrols and all of the civilian staffing that support these units.

Proponents of secession fully embraced Sheriff Baca's report as proof that residents could receive the same service as LAPD from the Sheriff's Department, but at a substantial savings. This is a critical component of the secession movement, since they need to convince taxpayers that not only is breaking away feasible, but also cost effective. While the police union has yet to weigh in on the issues of cost effectiveness as it relates to other government services in the Valley, the League is concerned by the Sheriff's misleading remarks.

The primary complaint of Valley residents is that they do not get their fair share of city resources, including police and fire. Now they are applauding the Sheriff's costing analysis, which will surely diminish police services in this region. As one of our directors thoughtfully stated: "Valley secessionists think they are getting a deluxe paint job, when in fact they are just getting Earl Scheib."

I am urging both sides of the secession movement to consider their options seriously. I would hate to see the secessionists base their decision off of misinformation from the Sheriff's Department, and inadvertently put their residents at risk by trading in LAPD's full-service offerings for a trimmed-down Sheriff's Department. It is time to stop throwing sand in each other's eyes and look carefully at the options available, particularly with police services. The safety of all Valley residents depends on it. ❖

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CLIFF RUFF, SECRETARY

With the passage of the "Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001" all police officers now have the opportunity to enhance their wealth with the new Deferred Compensation guidelines. Starting in 2002, the amount you may contribute in pre-tax dollars is $11,000; which then increases $1,000 a year to $15,000 in 2006. After 2006, the amount you can contribute is indexed for inflation in $500 increments.

I did a hypothetical work-up on a new police officer entering deferred comp on January 1, 2002, using a very conservative 6% rate of return, which would represent no risk investments. An officer could acquire $1 million dollars in 27 years and $1.3 million dollars in 30 years.

If you factor in the potential 90% pension at thirty years, the only problems facing you will be tax planning. You also have the option of participating in IRA accounts including the tax exempt Roth IRA. The potential for great financial prosperity has never been greater for police officers.

The ability to become a millionaire takes willpower, commitment, and discipline, not luck. The opportunity is legitimate and real. Most officers have opted to enter into the Deferred Compensation benefit and the savings they have accumulated has motivated other officers to join the program.

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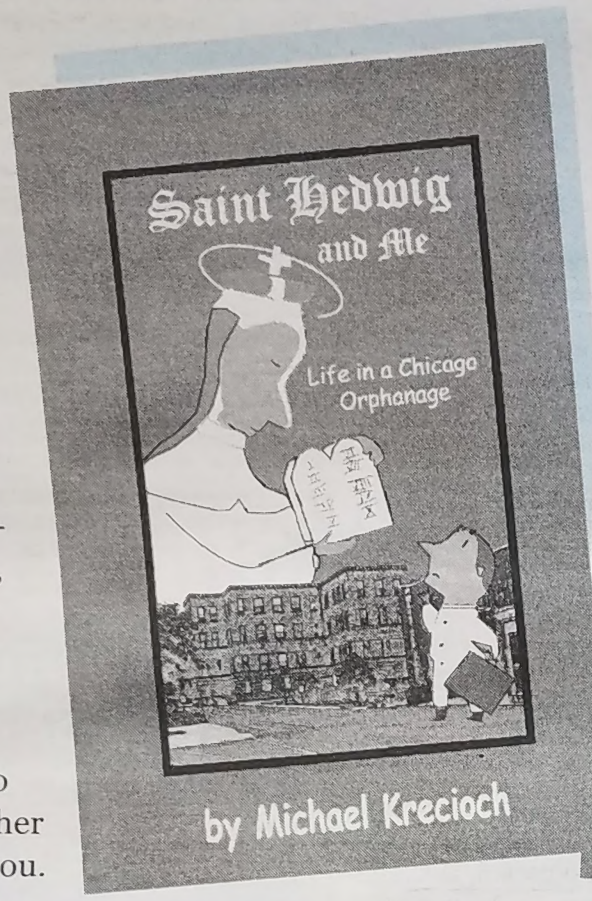

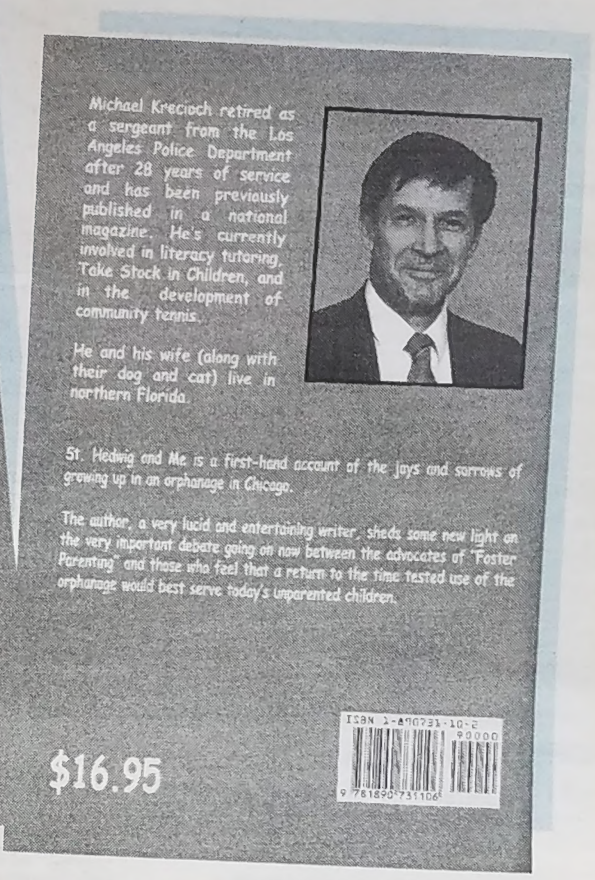

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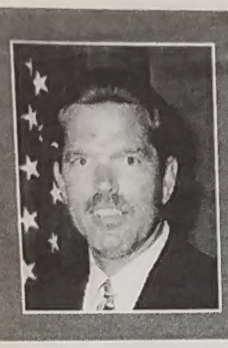

Ready Or Not, Digital Radio System Here To Stay

Ken Hillman

During the past two months, the Police Protective League has received numerous complaints from field officers that the Department's newly implemented digital radio system was not meeting their expectations and officers were losing confidence in the new system – especially in emergency situations. The two most common complaints by officers is that the new digital system does not allow for two persons to transmit at the same time, and that transmissions from inside a car while the radio is out of the adapter are seldom heard by communications or Area Personnel. Under the old analog system, an officer can have the divisional frequency on hold while conducting a warrant check, and another officer can simultaneously broadcast an "Officer Needs Help" call over the same frequency and other units would still hear the help call in the background. Additionally, under the analog system officers were able to clearly broadcast from inside their vehicle even though their radio was not plugged into the adapter.

As a result of your complaints and the League's instance to remedy these problems, the Department's Emergency Command Control Communications System Division (ECCCSD) and Motorola spent countless hours in redesigning and upgrading the current system to make it more reliable for field officers. Motorola agreed to provide these upgrades at a substantial cost with no charge to the City. These modifications are now under way and include:

Adding a "Bonk Tone" to the radio so that if an officer needs to broadcast an emergency message while someone else has the frequency on hold, the officer can override the system by pushing down the "Talk" button twice. The bonk tone also lets an officer know if someone else is on the frequency by displaying a beaming red light that is only lit when the frequency is busy.

Each Area now has two separate radio frequencies for both routine communications and for car to car or tactical situations (formerly simplex). Both channels are always designated as Channels 1 & 2 in each Area to avoid confusion by officers in the field.

A booster was added to the "Help" button frequency so that when an officer depresses the help button, the power is doubled from two to four watts.

It is important to note that the only way the City could implement the new digital system was to phase it in, one section at a time. At the time of this article, half of the City is on the analog system and half is on the digital system. Interfacing the two systems is extremely difficult and was bound to have its glitches. I have been assured by ECCCSD personnel that the entire City will be converted over to digital system by the end of September and many of the current flaws will cease to exist.

In closing, please be aware that the digital system is not going away. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all police and fire agencies in the country convert to digital systems over the next five years. The reason the FCC is requiring this is simple – there are no more frequencies available. To handle the ever-increasing radio broadcasting needs, the federal government found that by converting to digital technology, they could handle double the number of current frequencies nationally. Under the digital system, the Department was able to double its allotted radio frequencies from 57 to 114. Digital technology also improved our capability of reaching dead spots on the City from 90 percent coverage under the analog, to 99 percent under digital. When locked on a voice transmission, the digital technology reception is far clearer and stronger.

While it is true that the digital system is in some ways less forgiving, like the example provided earlier where an officer's transmission can be garbled when broadcasting from inside a vehicle from the hand-held position, its advantages far outweigh its disadvantages. The previous example could easily be solved by plugging your radio into the vehicle adapter. Again, we cannot stop the change from analog to digital, but we can work together to improve the new system. I do expect our members to continue providing me with input so that I can address your concerns with the Department and Motorola.

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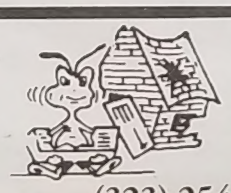

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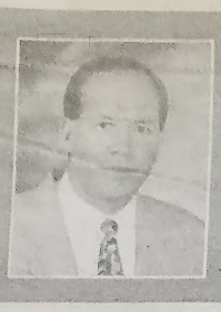

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Some Amazing Numbers

Recently, the Chief of Police sent a document to the Board of Directors with a flippant statement attached. The document is the second quarter report of 2001 of sworn personnel with penalties of 22 days or more, and related Board of Rights numbers. The statement was:

"Recently, you and your board members have been going around the City discussing what you called 'unnecessary' complaints. The attached report reflects the type of very serious misconduct by Department personnel, your members, which most could be prevented. You and your board can take an active role in saving officers' careers with just a little leadership."

After reviewing the document and comparing the document to the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department second quarter discipline report for 2001 which I was able to obtain, some amazing statistics emerge. According to LAPD statistics, in the second quarter of 2001 we had 102 total directed and opted BORs, of which 90 were directed. If you do the math and the boards continue at the same rate, we would have 408 BORs by the end of 2001. That figure has more than doubled since Chief Parks took office. According to the LAPD report, there were 18 terminations, 1 suspension/demotion and 35 suspensions of 22 days or more.

LAPD has approximately 8,500 sworn officers; the LASD approximately 7000 sworn deputies. Comparing the LAPD statistics with the LASD statistics for the same period, the LASD had **"0" terminations, "0" demotions and 3 long-term suspensions.** So, in review since Chief Parks has taken office, the BOR's have more than doubled and comparing our discipline statistics to the LASD in the second quarter of 2001, we had 11 times the amount of suspensions, 18 times the amount of terminations and double the amount of demotions. **Those are some amazing numbers and I ask you, who needs a little leadership?**

IOD Issues

Recently, I have noted an increase in phone calls regarding numerous work comp issues concerning, when should I file for a pension? Do I need an attorney? When can I see my own doctor? Etc! In the next few months, I will be dedicating a portion of my article each month to address the most frequently asked work comp questions and attempting to explain this most complicated process. I will be receiving assistance from the Law Offices of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin in preparing these articles.

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B. WHAT IS MEANT BY AN INJURY?

A broken leg or gunshot wound are obvious examples of industrial injuries if they occurred in the course of your duties as a safety member, but the "injury" concept goes much further for workers' compensation benefits. Here are a few examples:

1) Heart, hernia, pneumonia and tuberculosis. Labor Code section 3212 creates the rule, in effect, that barring evidence to the contrary, these conditions will be presumed to have arisen out of your employment as a safety member. The courts have liberally construed this presumption in favor of peace officers. The city, however, can deny benefits in these presumption cases. This is an area where it is essential to present medical-legal evidence to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to establish the industrial relationship of injury to occupation.

2) Hypertension and gastrointestinal. Hypertension and gastrointestinal conditions, if not caused by employment, can certainly be aggravated by your occupation. To this extent, the city may be liable for the aggravation and for needed additional medical care and treatment. Treatment for hypertension is essential. It usually manifests itself in the form of high blood pressure and can significantly increase the risk factor of heart problems.

3) Hearing Loss & Tinnitus. Repeated exposure to gunfire, sirens, etc., can and does produce neuro-sensory hearing loss in a significant number of safety members. Your hearing should be checked periodically to determine if you are suffering from some loss of hearing, or tinnitus.

4) Colds or flu. If the cold or flu develops shortly after an exposure that causes you exhaustion or fatigue, this condition may be considered work-related.

5) Other diseases. Infectious hepatitis, mononucleosis, mumps, and many other communicable diseases may be work-related if contracted on the job. For example, if on duty you come in contact with a person or fellow employee who has the disease and you later contract it, the illness may be considered as covered under workers' compensation. The same theory applies to exposure to materials or irritants that result in dermatitis or other skin problems.

6) Secondary illnesses. If through treatment of an industrial injury or illness your condition should become aggravated, or if another condition should occur as a result of this treatment, the city is liable for this secondary illness.

7) Treatment of non-industrial conditions. If a non-industrial condition needs treatment in order to properly treat an industrial injury or illness, the city may also be held responsible for treating the non-industrial condition. They may also be held liable for treating a non-industrial condition if this condition becomes aggravated or symptomatic as a result of your employment.

An American Tragedy

On September 11, 2001, our country was attacked by cowardly terrorists. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those who perished; additionally, to all the Police Officers and Firefighters who perished attempting to save lives. The Police Memorial Foundation and the Los Angeles Police Protective League sent a small delegation of off-duty LAPD Officers and Firefighters to New York to assist in any way they could. I have been told that their assistance was greatly appreciated. I want to personally thank the Police Memorial Foundation for their assistance. Additionally, the LAPPL has set up a fund, through our Eagle & Badge Foundation, to obtain donations to assist the children of New York Police Officers who perished in the terrorist attacks. Please contact the LAPPL at (213) 251-4554 if you wish to make a donation.

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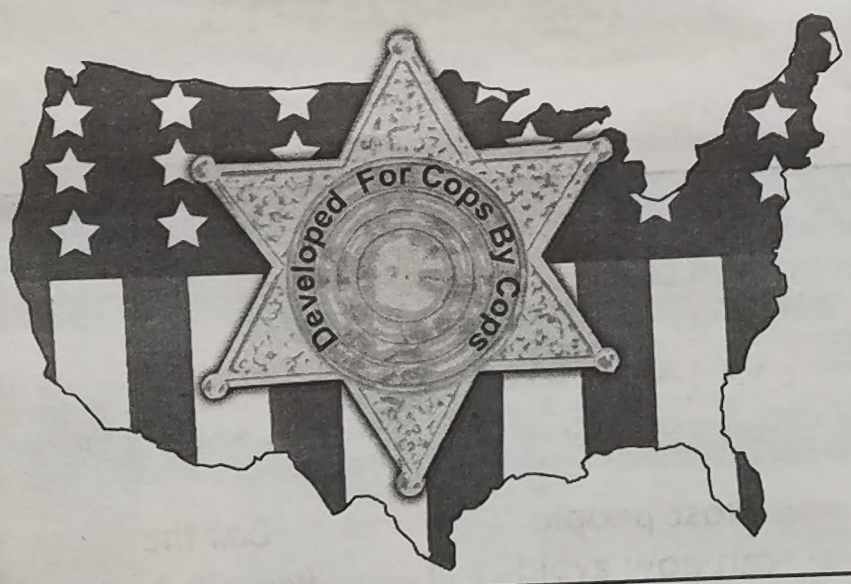

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TOUGH ENOUGH TO TURN L.A. AROUND?

TED HUNT

Is the City of Los Angeles better off today than it was eight years ago because Dick Riordan was Mayor? Eight years ago, Dick Riordan campaigned on the issue that he was "Tough Enough to Turn L.A. Around." Was L.A. Turned Around?

In 1993, LAPD was in a crisis. The City of Los Angeles had just been through the Rodney King Affair, the'92 Riots, several notable and senseless murders had just occurred, there was a growing infestation of gangs and L.A. was soon to experience one the of the worst earthquakes in U.S. history. It was a desperate situation.

Added to all of those things, there was significant downturn in the American and world economy, which really impacted the entire L.A. area. There were many causal factors including massive cuts in defense spending and its residual cuts in the aerospace industry and base closures.

How are things today? While the American and world economy have rebounded, L.A. has lost hundreds of businesses to outlying communities such as Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga. While California has gone from the world's seventh largest economy to the sixth largest, L.A. City still struggles with its economic base. Entire buildings in downtown L.A. still remain unoccupied.

And what about Dick's major project – LAPD? Conditions have deteriorated to the point that the Police Department, his major focus, is collapsing in a sea of bureaucratic inefficiency and ineffectiveness. Officers are abandoning LAPD, something unheard of only a few years ago. LAPD can NOT attract nor retain either sworn or civilian employees. Crime rates are increasing. Gangs are re-infesting communities.

But the overriding condemnation of the Riordan Regime is the fact that nearly everywhere, citizens are weary of the lack of City services that they pay for. The proof! Movements across the City – from the Valley to Hollywood to the Harbor – movement to secede and break up the City.

Mayor Dick came to the City as a mixed bag. He was serious philanthropist having given away lots and lots of money to worthy causes. But at the same time, he earned his "bread" as a leverage buy-out artist, buying up companies, then breaking them up into smaller pieces which he sold off at a huge profit. And in his wake were hundreds of people who had been betrayed, who had lost jobs and who had their pensions messed with.

Mayor Dick left the City as a mixed bag. For example, just before he left office, he used a loophole in the new Charter to transfer over two million dollars into discretionary accounts. He used the money for two things. One area of spending was in parks, the central library (which is named after him) and the zoo. Those are all good things. But the other area of spending gave bonuses to his departing staff. That is the controversial part.

During the development of the new Charter, Riordan's staff fought to get into the Charter the ability for the mayor to transfer money from one department to another without council approval or oversight.

In a recent *L.A. Times* OpEd piece, the former chair of the Charter Commission called Riordan's actions "outrageous" adding that during Charter negotiations, Riordan's closest advisors said that "the charter was explicit in restricting transfers to $50,000 (each) and that a larger transfer, (i.e., $2 million) via many smaller transactions, unquestionably would be impermissible."

Unquestionably impermissible! It seems there is a little sleaze that goes along with this Dick's waning days in office. So the question remains – is the City better off because we had Mayor Dick?

- Police department in collapse
- Broken promises and outrageous behavior
- City ready to break apart

Well, it appears that Riordan didn't turn the City around, but he sure bent it over.

CHIEF PARKS NOT INVITED

In the July edition of the *Blue Line* I wrote an article, which described the swearing-in celebration for Dennis P. Zine. It was well attended by hundreds of people including police officers, fire fighters, elected officials and appointed officials. In the article I noted that many, many people were asking the question, "Why isn't Chief Parks at the Dennis' event?" People were asking because the Chief's absence was noticeable.

Sometime after that I received a personal note from Chief Parks, which said in essence that he didn't go because he wasn't invited.

I strongly disagree with the way that Chief Parks runs the Department. But I am not the chief and don't have the direct authority to change things. I'm part of the "loyal opposition" that bargains for our collective rights. We have power with some limited authority.

All of that notwithstanding, I have respect for Chief Parks because he holds the office of Chief and because he really does work hard and long hours. The reason that I have written this explanation, is to ensure fairness and credibility in my responsibility to you to report facts and not just to do some biased hatchet job on the Chief.

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Calendar This

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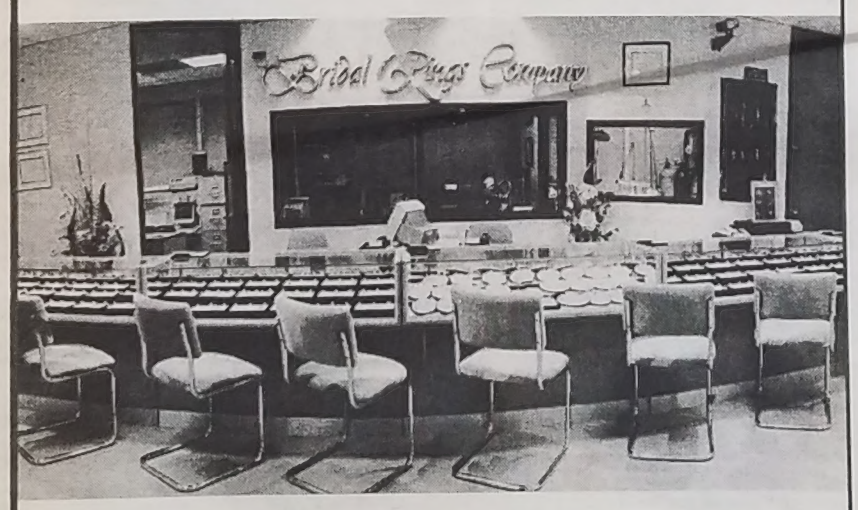

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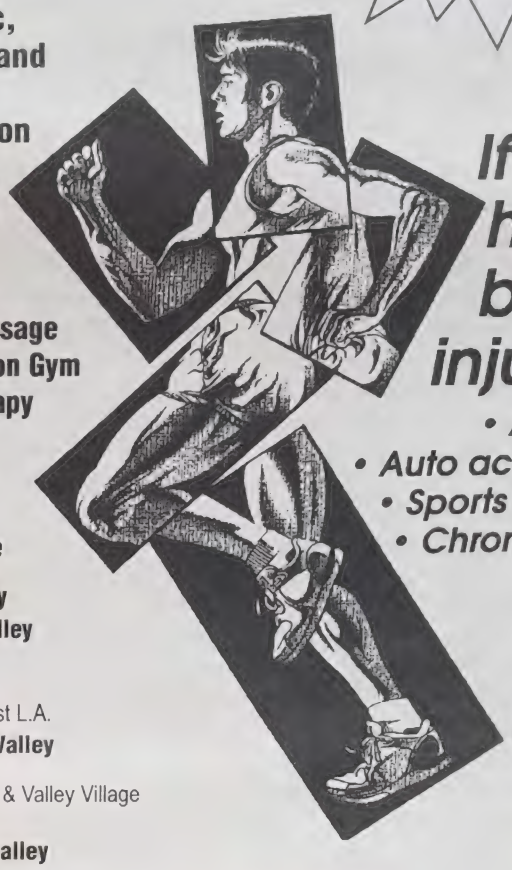

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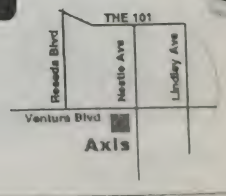

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Never has there been a time more appropriate to re-think the role of government at all levels. The sleeping giant has been awoken, the people of America deserve the very best when it comes to what the government's role is in today's society. Our priorities must be addressed, bureaucracy removed as much as possible and efficiency created in government to rival Corporate America. Anything less should be viewed unacceptable in today's environment. We have grown to accept crime overall as just something we need to live with. Crime goes up and down, politicians take credit for reducing crime and distance themselves from rising crime. The bottom line is that as a society we have allowed people responsible for managing crime to convince the American public that everything that is necessary is being done, and beyond that nothing is realistic or achievable. The horrific tragedies that will be ever etched in our minds and hearts cannot go to waste, no one person's life should be lost in vain, we must take the appropriate action to ensure that all the children that will grow up motherless or fatherless can count on the fact that this will never occur again.

Having worked at the Protective League for a whole eight months now, I have seen so much time and effort wasted talking about how we can put police officers in a box, hold them accountable for the ridiculous, and ensure that we put the handcuffs on them when it comes to protecting the community. Imagine if we had the same resolve to eliminate crime, solve homicides, and make keeping the community truly safe the priority. Who's working for the victims? The community is not interested in tying the hands of police officers, the community is not interested in political correctness, the community is not interested in the level of scrutiny the men and women of our department are under, the community is not interested in having a 1-800 number to make complaints on officers. The community that I know wants the police department to work on crime problems, to ensure that with their tax dollars comes the support, technology and knowledge necessary to keep their families safe. You see, in my opinion after watching what happened to our fellow Firefighters, Police Officers and the wonderful people of New York, one thing became crystal clear to me, we are paying way to much attention to the wrong things.

We truly are at the crossroads, the last thing we need to do is get back to the same old way we conduct business. Los Angeles was lucky this time around, we need to recognize that the wake-up call for us is within, the war on the terrorist is here at home, the responsibility for thinking out of the same old tired box lies with us on our soil. Sure, we are going to retaliate like no other time in history, but to do that without seriously re-examining the way we make our priorities is dangerously short sighted. We now have a broader responsibility to ensure that we combat crime, not the officers that fight crime.

I ask that anyone in a position to affect policy to be honest by asking themselves, do I think we are really spending the appropriate time and commitment to fighting crime and providing the necessary resources to our officers so that the citizens of Los Angeles get the level of service they deserve? If the answer is no, then I would ask with all due respect that someone come clean, be the hero, and make the changes that are so important to the people of Los Angeles, but also now, for all the people who have given their lives in this unbelievable tragedy in New York City. **With love and respect for the American people.**

Time Magazine

Recently, *Time* ran a cover story, "The Return of L.A. Gangs," which hit the target squarely on the head. Every day, L.A. gangs become bolder and the streets of our city become more dangerous, as the community is getting the sense that we are losing control of the streets. The consequences are deadly.

Thankfully, Mayor James Hahn recognizes that L.A. will never get gangs under control until the LAPD is restored to the position it once held as the nation's most effective municipal law enforcement agency. He recognizes that for the past several years, morale at LAPD has been at rock bottom and many of our most experienced officers are leaving to other departments. And he knows that at our academy, recruit classes have been cancelled for lack of qualified applicants. As we have been asking for many months now – why?

Mayor Hahn's commitment to reversing the decline of LAPD is serious. He has already put into motion changes to our working hours that will help retain officers. Improved disciplinary procedures and other reforms are also being implemented.

Working with him on behalf of our members, we are optimistic that LAPD's slide that *Time* writes about can be reversed.

Proposed Jail Closures

In the past several weeks, the proposed closures of the West Valley and Southeast Divisions' jails has been in the news, both from the perspective of the LAPD management, police officers in those divisions, the residents who live in those areas and the jail employees. I am hopeful that we can all come to a common ground on this issue to reach solutions that are mutually beneficial to all involved.

The two major issues that are at hand regarding the jail closures are the impact on public safety – through the additional time officers will have to come off of street patrol to transport arrestees to jails that are further away – and the additional office space the detectives will gain from the closure of the West Valley jail. Although the two issues seem to be at odds with each other – one wants the jails to stay open, while the other wants the jail closed – I believe that the two sides can work together.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

League Takes Action Over Unsolicited Mailings to Members

The League recently learned that many members who had previously subscribed to the California Law Enforcement Association Long-Term Disability Plan ("CLEA") have received mailings from Premier Marketing Association advertising a "Law Enforcement" special for cellular phone service. These mailings were sent utilizing members' personal information which had been provided to CLEA for the limited purpose of their disability insurance plan. These mailings were not authorized or endorsed by the League, and were made without the League's prior knowledge or consent.

League members' personal information is confidential. The League is commencing legal action against those responsible for this mailing, and has retained the firm of Hornberger and Brewer and attorney Marla A. Brown to pursue this matter, which will include seeking an injunction prohibiting further use of members' information, return of all members' information in the hands of CLEA and any other organization to whom it was provided, as well as damages, including punitive damages.

We request from members who received any mailing from Premier Marketing Association, to please contact the League General Counsel's office at (213) 251-4575, and provide your name as well as a copy of any materials you received from that Association. We will keep you informed of future developments as they occur in this matter.

League and City Begin Negotiations Over Consent Decree

LAPD officers have the power to ease the police department, the City of Los Angeles and its residents through the tight jam that the increase in crime is starting to create. Or LAPD officers could plunge the City into a Gotham-type of environment that would cost Los Angeles taxpayers millions of dollars and could put many neighborhoods back in the hands of violent gangs such as 18th Street, Crips and Bloods.

Those are the stakes as negotiators from the League and the City sit down to try and iron out their differences over the implementation of many provisions of the Consent Decree. While the City, federal officials from the U.S. Department of Justice and a federal district court judge have all agreed to the Consent Decree, many of the provisions can't be implemented without the League's approval because of their effect on the wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment of LAPD officers.

Some likely contentious and difficult issues during negotiations will be the proper implementation of a new TEAMS II computerized personnel data bank; interpretation of data pertaining to motor vehicle and pedestrian stops, commonly referred to as "racial profiling" data; and disciplinary procedures.

Although the Consent Decree contains specific dates for implementing many of its provisions, League negotiators have clearly communicated their views at the bargaining table that there will be no rush imposed by artificial barriers to the collective bargaining process. This is no time for political rhetoric and hasty decisions. A mistake now could harm not only City officials and taxpayers, but members of the League, too.

Many provisions of the Consent Decree appear onerous, as undeserved punishment for LAPD officers, most of whom always have conducted themselves in a responsible and professional manner. This Decree, if implemented as approved by the federal judge, will subject LAPD officers to an unprecedented degree of monitoring, second guessing and, will increase dramatically the amount of paper work they must do after each contact with a community member. We know that many of the Decree's provisions are aimed at determining how officers treat individuals they come in contact with while performing their sworn duties so as to inhibit corrupt behavior. However, these provisions are also interpreted to mean that LAPD officers cannot be trusted to treat all persons fairly and justly. This offends us at the League and the majority of officers whose professionalism precludes prejudice, brutality and corruption.

One of the main realities that League negotiators will continue to communicate to City officials during the collective bargaining process is that they and the City are in a corner. There is no good outcome among the remaining choices. They need to be realistic about their situation. A few years ago, after the Christopher Commission issued its report, a vigorous effort to crack down on mismanagement of the police department, to eradicate bad management practices and to polish the LAPD's image might have headed off intervention by the U.S. Department of Justice. But now City officials have just two choices: accept the unpleasant outcome, which is the Consent Decree, or continue to alienate and demoralize LAPD officers and risk something worse. In making this decision, City officials should think not just of themselves, but of the people they work for.

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by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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N.C.N.C. and P-4, Catchwords of the New Millennium

The craziness continues. Even while the crime rate continues to rise, the Department continues to follow policies that suppress our officer's willingness to do police work. Take the Hollywood officer that came upon a stolen vehicle. For the rest of his career, he will wish that he had just called an impound tow truck and minded his own business while filling out the appropriate forms. But, no, he thought that when you carried a badge, you were supposed to take action against crime. An apartment manager told him that the person driving the stolen van had gone into a certain apartment in his building. The officer called for a back-up and a supervisor. In retrospect, it would have been far better for the officer to have just put the suspect's description in the report, listed the manager as a witness and waited for the tow truck.

When the back-up and supervisor arrived, the officer filled them in and they all went to the manager for further information. The apartment the suspect went into, the manager said, was suspected of dope dealing and he was in the process of evicting the tenants. He had seen the driver of the stolen van go in there a couple of hours ago. The suspect driver did not resemble the tenant that was supposed to be in the apartment. The manager could not say if the suspected vehicle thief was still inside the apartment. The supervisor decided to knock on the door and conduct an investigation. The officers and supervisor went to the apartment and knocked and identified themselves. The sounds of movement came from inside the apartment, but no one would answer the door. Thinking that a non-involved tenant would have simply answered the door and talked to the officers, the supervisor decided that exigent circumstances existed, he decided to force entry and prevent any suspect inside from destroying evidence, escaping, or arming themselves. An attempt was made to open the door with a key obtained from the manager, but an unauthorized lock prevented entry. The landlord gave the supervisor permission to damage the door. The supervisor obtained a ram from his vehicle and instructed one of the officers to force the door.

A suspect was inside, but not the female. The male, under the influence of a narcotic, was arrested. No search was conducted of the apartment beyond checking for additional suspects for officer safety reasons. The suspect was transported to the station for booking and the stolen vehicle was impounded. A booking approval was obtained by the watch commander and the officers commenced with the long process of report writing.

The suspect had no complaints. The landlord had no complaints. The renter of the apartment had no complaints. But then there was a change of watch.

The new watch commander read the arrest report and decided that the entry had been illegal. The suspect was released and a personnel complaint was initiated against the supervisor who had ordered the door forced. The supervisor accepted the judgment of others supposedly in the know about search and seizure and accepted responsibility for the decision to make the entry. It was all his, he told the complaint investigator, the officers were just following his instructions. The complaint was written up charging the supervisor with misconduct for violating constitutional rights by making an illegal entry and an illegal arrest and sent to Bureau.

But Bureau wasn't satisfied. The complaint investigation was sent back. The three officers had not been charged with misconduct. Everyone was re-interviewed and charges of violating constitutional rights by participating in an illegal entry were alleged against the officers. No one was going to escape this blatant desire to do police work without some TEAMS damage.

The message is clear and the legal advice is easy. Do not arrest anyone unless you have an arrest warrant and do not enter any structure without having a search warrant. You have always been second-guessed by the legal system. But a big change has arrived. Search and seizure used to be debated by the lawyers and when an officer was on the losing end of the argument, the case was not filed, or, if it had been filed, it was dismissed by the court. Now there is a new element, you get beefed. LAPD management is even bypassing the legal arguments of lawyers, the watch commander can trash your TEAMS with allegations of violations of constitutional rights. No matter what the outcome, your TEAMS has been affected and any further personnel complaints over the years may trigger the "at risk" computer to flag your name.

Although the legal advice is easy, take no action without a warrant, it flies in the face of day-to-day police work. It is bad for the community and it is bad for the morale of the Department. Street policing often does not slow down long enough to ask a suspect to wait around for a warrant. So, the officer *who* believes his or her job *is to* ferret out those *who commit* crimes and arrest them, is forced by LAPD management's disciplinary system to risk damage to their careers every time an arrest, detention, or entry into a structure is made. Search and seizure law changes once a month, and even when it doesn't change, there are as many opinions about what is legal and illegal as bellybuttons.

According to Sergeant Paul Weber, an extremely experienced defense representative and current Assistant OIC of the Officer Representation Section, personnel complaints based on and around perceived constitutional rights violations such as search and seizure and detentions are skyrocketing. Sergeant Weber urges anyone involved in such a complaint, even as a so-called "witness," to seek representation as soon as possible. Director Tim Sands, the Legal Committee Chairman, goes further and recommends that officers sign up for the Enhanced Legal Plan. "The way things are going," he says, "you are probably going to need it."

As illustrated by the above example, even having a tenured supervisor make the decision to make an arrest or an entry will not protect you. I guess the Department expected the officers to second guess the supervisor and disobey his order. However, if the supervisor's judgment about making the entry was correct, the Department would be charging the officers with insubordination. The only way that an officer can be assured of protecting his or her career from penalty days or negative TEAMS entries is to not make arrests and stay away from those who do.

Thus, the phrase now going through the locker rooms. N.C.N.C. No Contact, No Complaint.

Fortunately for the community, there are still officers out there who take on this risk every day. In all too rare occasions, they are led by supervisors who share the officer's values of ridding the community of predators. These supervisors are the glue currently holding the Department together. Their fate is easily predictable. The officers instinctively recognize them as someone who will assist them in fighting crime, not monitor them to see if a personnel complaint can be filed. These supervisors will be respected by the troops. This respect will cause jealously in the supervisor's peers and superiors who envy this ability to inspire respect. Eventually, the supervisor will be subjected to his or her own disciplinary actions as the managers, who will never be leaders, take their revenge. It is a familiar process and the charge is usually "failing to take appropriate action" against an officer.

There is even a contemptuous name given by those with the current management philosophy imposed by the Chief for these natural leaders who obtain the rank of sergeant. They are referred to as P-4's. In other words, a sergeant who has been unable or unwilling to leave being a police officer behind. In other words, a police officer with stripes.

The P-4's are easy to spot. They have distinct characteristics. The supervisor who forced the door is a good example. First, he tried to assist the officers in making the arrest of a felon and encouraged the officers in their follow up to apprehend the person who had stolen the vehicle. Second, he actually made a decision. You can argue whether he was legally correct or not, but at least a decision was made. If there was an error, it was on the side of attempting to apprehend a *criminal. A lesser supervisor* would have waffled. The avoidance of decisions is the mark of a climber, not a leader. Their saying could be *N.D.N.C.* No Decision. No *Complaint*. Third, *when the Department criticized the decision to force the door, the supervisor* accepted *full responsibility* and cleared *his officers* of any blame. He was a stand up guy. Nothing will earn the respect of the troops more quickly than this. Maybe this is why someone somewhere up the chain of command felt that the officers had to be added to the complaint.

The end result of all this is the continuing message to the troops, however unintentional, to avoid police work at all cost in favor of staying out of trouble and making waves. This same message is sent in other ways. The League received a complaint from one division that officers with an arrestee had to pass the arrestee and all reports off to the next watch rather than go overtime. But, when an off-duty officer, using his own personally-owned .22 rifle, shot a rattlesnake at a neighbor's request because the snake had invaded the neighbor's yard, the Department rolled a Critical Incident Investigation Division detective on a Sunday (presumably on overtime) to conduct an investigation into this so-called Officer Involved Shooting. A Department photographer (presumably on overtime) was also dispatched to take photographs of the snake. You can tell a lot about an organization by how it allocates its assets.

Personally, I hope the P-4's thrive or at least survive, we need them. The citizens are getting the short end of the stick and it isn't because of the officers on the street. Management policies are destroying this Department. The politicians need to hear *warning bells*. At some point in time, recovery will be impossible.

Be legally careful out there.

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To the Editor:

RE: LAPD Compressed work schedule

When a wound is hemorrhaging the doctor doesn't stop to measure the effects of the blood loss. He knows the patient will die. The LAPD is hemorrhaging highly trained police officers. A city council study or a police chief's stubborn resistance to the realities of the workforce marketplace will not save the patient. Time is running out. Dr. Hahn is suggesting a cure. Let him save the patient.

Stephen Downing
Deputy Chief, LAPD (ret)

Greetings Tim!

We met on several occasions before my retirement in July, 2000. I spent my last three years as a sergeant, as a divisional 1.28 investigator at Rampart, then Northeast. I was in a distant position, able to see your work and came to respect you highly.

Today I am the second in command of the small PD located within Pasadena City College.

My reason for writing is that I am seeking to employ several additional uniformed officers, on a long-term, hourly basis (40 hours per week, no benefits). Should you encounter any officer who needs such employment, please pass on my name and number. I suspect there are many fine officers suffering at the hands of Park's 1.28 system that need work.

Hope to read about your retirement soon!

Sincerely,
Brad Young
Pasadena City College

Dear Editor:

We went to the funeral the other day and you wouldn't believe it. Sheriff Baca saw all the officers standing in the heat going through a meltdown and he gets everyone water. Then he was walking around and personally thanking officers for their attendance. They even had captains and sergeants handing out water. You had to see it to believe it.

Anonymous

Dear Editor:

I am a police officer and extremely disheartened about what I just heard. I was listening to KFWB (990 AM) radio because Chief Parks was being interviewed. When asked about the morale problem within our department, he replied that morale is not the department's problem but the individual officer's problem. Although I was not surprised by this answer, I was still extremely upset. We are losing some of our best officers every DP to other departments with a compressed work schedule, good pensions, better pay, and a fair disciplinary system. Either the Chief is in denial or he just refuses to admit that he is a poor leader. I work Hollywood Division and we have lost three officers to other departments in DP 8. That's just this DP. There are numerous other officers who have been hired by other departments and are just waiting to be called.

I have a request for all officers who write for their division in *The Thin Blue Line*. Set aside a column every DP and title it "Goodbye and Good Luck." Under that title, list all the sworn personnel who have left your division for other departments. This will enable sworn, civilian, retired, and others to see just how bad our morale really is. I think this will also be testament to the fact that morale *is* the department's problem, including the Chief's.

Anonymous (of course!)

Hahn Studies Santa Ana Police Schedules

Dear Editor:

Councilman Nate Holden, a Hahn ally, raised questions about it (CWS) during a City Council confirmation hearing of new police commissioners.

"How many people work three days?" he then asked, drawing a response from more than half of the audience and several City Council members. "See. People work five days a week. So should police officers."

This attitude displayed by Nate Holden is exactly why this department finds itself in the position it does. Never mind how effective a program is, do not implement it because "I" or "you" can't have it. Not every job lends itself to this schedule as law enforcement does. That's the reason not everyone can work a CWS. Forget about attracting quality people so incidents like Rampart don't occur. Let's just continue status quo. Let's not worry about a person's character. Let's just make sure our officers live in the city (Perez, Durdon, Mack, etc., all fine citizens of L.A.). Why not approach this from the angle of creating a city where officers want to live, not a system that bribes them or forces them to live in the city. Holden's and Park's management style are obsolete and their [illegible] and thank God for it. We need leadership that can keep pace with the times.

Anonymous

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END OF WATCH

NAME: Michael S. Osokow #11779
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: December 10, 1941
APPT: October 28, 1963
RETIRED: March 21, 1994
DIED: August 2, 2001

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NAME: Benjamin G. Yorkovich #4336
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: TED
BORN: April 19, 1920
APPT: February 4, 1946
RETIRED: February 20, 1966
DIED: August 2, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: Daniel M. Andrews #16397
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: November 17, 1946
APPT: November 2, 1970
RETIRED: March 17, 1999
DIED: August 3, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: Ralph M. Green #4552
RANK: No Rank Found
ASSIGNED TO: No Division Found
BORN: August 1, 1922
APPT: June 9, 1947
RETIRED: February 4, 1970
DIED: August 5, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: Willard L. Vausbinder #6119
RANK: Captain III
ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire
BORN: June 1, 1927
APPT: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: August 10, 2001

NAME: Edward J. Berger #2717
RANK: Investigator
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: January 10, 1921
APPT: April 13, 1942
RETIRED: June 27, 1972
DIED: August 19, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: Armando Rodriguez, Jr. #32144
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: December 9, 1969
APPT: October 2, 1995
ACTIVE
DIED: August 30, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: William A. Steinhart #10998
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: June 6, 1940
APPT: October 23, 1961
RETIRED: July 4, 1987
DIED: August 30, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: Charles R. Haynie #13385
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Jail Division
BORN: October 7, 1942
APPT: July 31, 1967
RETIRED: February 14, 1988
DIED: August 31, 2001

☆ ☆ ☆

NAME: Thomas P. Lawler (No Serial # Found)
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Newton
BORN: March 28, 1925
APPT: November 24, 1947
RETIRED: July 21, 1968
DIED: September 5, 2001

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No. 1 issue, in my opinion, in order to ensure public safety, is to increase morale. And second, to increase the recruitment and to retain the officers that we have. We have to build up a larger force," said Caruso.

LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY HIT THE MARK

Last month the *Los Angeles Times* ran a story that put into proper perspective the relentless attrition at the LAPD and explored why officers are leaving the force in droves. The story "LAPD Exodus is Outpacing Recruitment" also uncovered management's bizarre analysis of this critical problem. Chief Parks and LAPD spokesman Lt. Horace Frank blamed the exodus on a strict discipline system.

While we agree that the unfair discipline system is a contributing factor in the attrition problem, management's claim that that attrition is primarily due to officers leaving the Department rather than risk being fired is obviously a fraud, and the Chief knows it. Worse, it is an insult to the men and women of the LAPD and totally at odds with studies, including exit interviews cited by the *Times*, the Chief has in his possession. If officers are leaving to avoid discipline, then why, as the article states, are other Southern California police agencies getting more transfers than usual from the LAPD? If these officers are truly discipline problems, how do they pass the background checks and get hired elsewhere?

When an officer is investigated for hanging up the phone too loudly in response to a resident's call (a real example), it is quite possible that he or she will face a Board of Rights, and it is of course overwhelmingly likely that the officer will be found innocent of the charges, and return to work. To automatically assume that this officer would be fired is fantasy. Chief Parks' and Lt. Frank's comments unwittingly expose the real causes for officers' untimely departures: misguided management obsessed with a bizarre and alienating disciplinary system, all the while oblivious to the real reasons officers are leaving – for flexible work schedules, better pay and benefits, and more supportive management.

> The Chief should keep in mind that a leader without anyone following him is just out for a walk.

These are the real reasons behind the retention and recruitment crisis. It's time that we work together to address these issues, so that we can keep and attract qualified police officers to the LAPD.

LEAGUE REQUESTS AUDIT

The Board of Directors of the League

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Dear Don Lint:

Please find enclosed the article (and a short biography) I wrote for an upcoming issue of the Long Beach Police Officers Association publication, *The Rap Sheet*. You have my permission to reprint the article in *The Thin Blue Line*. In addition, I took great pains in checking the facts in the article with retired LAPD officers of various ranks. However, sometimes the memories are less than perfect. If you find any inaccuracies, please make the corrections and let me know so I can correct any mistakes. I can be contacted during the day at my home phone number, (310) 832-6995 or my pager (562) 877-0208 or the POA office at (562) 426-1201.

Sincerely,
R. F. "Buz" Williams
Vice President
Long Beach Police Officers Association
2865 Temple Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806

THE RISE AND FALL OF LAPD OR HOW ADMINISTRATIVE ARROGANCE AND POLITICAL COWARDICE RUINED A PERFECTLY GOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Buz Williams

"The true snob never rests; there is always a higher goal to attain, and there are, by the same token, always more and more people to look down upon." –Russell Lynes

"To see what is right and not do it, is want of courage." –Confucius

They were the shining blue knights on white horses. They were the new Centurions. They were the best of the best and they knew it. Theirs was a reputation that others envied. They were ahead of the curve in several areas of law enforcement, even the vaunted FBI. When J. Edgar Hoover was saying that there was no organized crime in America, Chief of Police William H. Parker had intelligence officers in Havana taking pictures of Lucky Luciano meeting with Meyer Lansky and other mobsters and celebrities.

They were innovative. They started such new units and programs as SWAT, DARE, Team Policing and Senior Lead Officers. Earlier in their history they claimed to have the first police woman, the first police air patrol (in airplanes) and in the 1930s, they bragged that with the best police radio system in the country they could get their officers at the scene of any call in the City of Los Angeles in three minutes.

From 1950 onward, the reputation of the Los Angeles Police Department was one of a well disciplined, honest, professional law enforcement organization of the highest caliber. They had control of the whole city. Maybe it was their reputation or maybe it was because Hollywood was within their jurisdiction, or more likely a combination of both that caused the department's continued glorification on the radio and later television shows "Dragnet" and "Adam 12". No "Car 54, Where are You?" for the Los Angeles Police Department. They were too professional, too straight and had INTEGRITY. That's not to say there weren't some scandals along the way. The Christmas Eve Massacre in the early '50s where officers went into the Lincoln Heights jail and severely beat Cholo inmates they suspected of nearly blinding an officer in a bar fight. There were the two officers much later convicted of murder for hire, and the Hollywood Burglary Ring of police officers; but on the whole, they policed themselves as well as they policed the City. And the scandals that made the news were newsworthy simply because they were so rare.

More common were the continuing accusations from the constantly changing minority communities of excessive force. But on the whole, the Los Angeles Police Department was looked upon as tough, but fair. And those who wore that innovative and distinctive badge wore it proudly. They hired on for a career and stayed for 20 to 30 years before they retired on a service retirement, unless they received a disability retirement prior.

After the late '40s, there were virtually no cops on the take in L.A. There was no "looking the other way," there were no $10 bills under citizen's driver's licenses. They were "by the book," and they weren't crooked. And thanks to LAPD, Organized Crime wasn't able to establish a major foothold as occurred in many cities on the East Coast and Midwest. That also kept political corruption to a minimum. LAPD perhaps reached the zenith of respect and reputation among law enforcement agencies in 1984 with the masterful job of preparing for and executing the policing of the Olympics.

Contrast that to the current LAPD situation. After the Rodney King case, LAPD's popularity with the public took a nosedive. The citizen's esteem for its police made a comeback with the community, thanks in no small part to the actions of its courageous street police officers during a North Hollywood bank robbery, only to have that community backing evaporate once again because of a few corrupt lying cops in the Rampart CRASH unit. The City was forced to sign a "consent decree" which allows for federal oversight of the police department. Morale is at the lowest it has ever been. Officers are leaving in record numbers to laterally transfer to what, only a decade or so ago, were considered inferior police agencies.

How did this happen? Why is it occurring now? To put the picture in perspective, a little history is required. Immediately after World War II, LAPD was pretty much like most police departments of the era. Within the core of generally honest cops there were small pockets of corruption, mostly centered on so-called "victimless

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has asked City Controller Laura Chick to perform a complete staffing audit of deployment of sworn personnel at the LAPD. Recent redeployment from Metropolitan Division and other specialized units to patrol – as well as the request for retirees to return back to work – prompted the Board to make this request. Specifically, we believe that it is in the best interests of the residents and leaders of Los Angeles to know:

- How many officers are assigned and deployed to each division?
- How many are in administrative or non-enforcement roles?
- Of those assigned to patrol, how many are actually on patrol in the city at any given time of day?

In addition to the staffing audit, we would also like the Controller to audit of the status of LAPD technology. Eight years ago, LAPD management indicated that it would move toward a paperless system, in order to free officers from administrative tasks and put more back out on patrol. Is this actually happening?

PUBLIC SAFETY IS ON OUR MIND

As the union that represents the more than 9,000 LAPD Officers, the LAPPL strongly supports measures that protect public safety and the lives and livelihoods of the officers we represent. We applaud any efforts made by the state or by private companies to improve upon public safety programs, like our valuable 9-1-1 system. However, when we see flaws in proposed programs, we believe that it is our duty to notify our leaders in government, the public and the agencies involved.

One such new idea that greatly concerns us is NotifyNow, a commercial program that reportedly will be implemented in California this September by Verizon Communications. Recently activated in Tampa, Florida, NotifyNow is a subscriber-based service that notifies up to six relatives and friends through a recorded message any time the subscriber calls 9-1-1. While any responsible effort to improve public safety should be welcomed, the LAPPL is deeply concerned about the unintended negative consequences of this program.

Among our concerns are the following:

- People on the subscriber's notification list may dial 9-1-1 for information about the call they receive. Apart from tying up the already overburdened lines, the operators in any case cannot provide callers with such information, since 9-1-1 calls are confidential.
- Relatives, neighbors or friends who respond to the home of the subscriber after receiving notification of an emergency may happen upon a dangerous situation, such as a home invasion or domestic dispute, and put themselves at risk. Clearly, this could actually augment the emergency rather than relieve it.
- Subscribers may not even be calling for themselves – they may have witnessed an emergency outside of their homes or be calling out of concern for a neighbor. They may even have dialed 9-1-1 simply by mistake. Again, valuable phone lines will be taken up needlessly, and those on the notification list may be unduly concerned.

Ultimately, the LAPPL believes that, however well intentioned, NotifyNow will likely cause additional stress to an already overstretched 9-1-1 system. In Los Angeles alone, more than 200,000 calls a year go unanswered and almost 12 percent of 9-1-1 calls rang until the caller hung up in the year 2000. Although these breakdowns in the emergency system are mainly due to a severe shortage of 9-1-1 operators, they are also caused by an impossibly high call load. In fact, an estimated 40 percent of 9-1-1 calls are inappropriate. Additional unnecessary 9-1-1 calls can only further overload the state's fragile 9-1-1 systems.

We have asked the California State Assembly to hold a public hearing about products like NotifyNow before their implementation in California. ❖

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Obviously public safety is a central concern to all law enforcement officers. That is our mission: to protect and serve. But, it is also important that we have the tools necessary to get our jobs done. In this case, it is ample office space to do necessary tasks such as complete and file reports.

But, why is it necessary to close a jail, and thus jeopardize public safety, in order to gain this much-needed office space? Why can't LAPD management invest the $800,000 they have proposed to turn the jail into office space into the existing West Valley station, as well as into recruiting and retaining civilian jail guards at the West Valley jail? This way, they can keep the jail open, while also giving the detectives the badly-needed facilities that are necessary to performing their jobs.

I encourage everyone involved in this issue, whether residents, detectives, management or civilian jail guards, to look carefully at all sides of the issue. If we are willing to work together, I am confident that we can find a solution that will please everyone in some manner, while also protecting what is most important: the safety of Los Angeles residents. ❖

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crimes," gambling, drugs and prostitution. In the late 1940s, corruption scandals became front-page news with the arrest of Hollywood Madam Brenda Allen and the cooperation she was receiving from at least one member of the Vice Squad that led to several demotions and the resignation of the police chief.[1]

After an interim chief, a competitive test was then given for a new Chief of Police and the highest scoring applicant, Capt. William H. Parker was named the new Chief in 1950. Chief Parker ushered in the golden era of LAPD. Not only was corruption weeded out under Parker, but also he infused the whole department with his leadership style. It was a style that was competent and professional and was followed and RESPECTED by the rank and file. There was no secret as to why Bill Parker was so respected as the leader of LAPD. He respected and SUPPORTED the officers who did the job. Honest mistakes were treated as such. Misconduct, dishonesty or dereliction of duty were subjected swiftly and surely to the "wrath of God."

For the most part, those that made rank had served their time in the trenches first and had the job skills and knowledge to gain the respect of their subordinates. Under Parker, those of high rank that left LAPD to become Chiefs of Police in other departments were loved and respected at their new departments as they had been when they were still on LAPD.

Parker had one trait that those who followed him tried to emulate, but could never quite get right. If the Los Angeles Police Department and/or its officers were slandered in the press, Chief Parker would counter attack. The difference between Parker and his successors was that William H. Parker would have the subject researched and documented before he would open his mouth. He would be prepared for the hard questions and would have facts and statistics with which to back his answers. The result, much more often than not, was that the attackers looked stupid and/or hostile, not the Chief.

After he died, Parker was accused of having dossiers prepared on many of the politicians, newspaper magnates, reporters and other city bigwigs. The fact was that while building intelligence files on organized crime figures and later subversives, many of these city fathers would come into contact with the crooks. Whether it was placing a bet with a bookie or using the services of a prostitute or a loan shark, many of these so-called political dossiers were started for legitimate reasons. One might reasonably question how these dossiers were used, but it was obvious that they were used to further "goals and objectives" of the Department.

It was during this time that LAPD probably reached the highest point in its nationwide reputation. Members of the Intelligence Unit testified during the Kefauver Committee (named for Committee Chairman, Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver) hearings of the U.S. Senate about Organized Crime, not only in Los Angeles but across the whole country. At the time, J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI were saying that there was no Organized Crime in the United States.

Toward the end of William H. Parker's tenure as Chief, the Watts Riot occurred. Thanks in no small part to his defense of his officers, LAPD's reputation did not suffer appreciably because of the riot. When Parker passed away, Tom Reddin was promoted to Chief. Because Reddin stayed such a short time, his effect was negligible. After Reddin, Ed Davis was named Chief and things started to change. One of the main things was the way the Chief of Police was viewed by the officers, the public and the media. Where Parker was organized and prepared when he spoke with the press, Davis "shot from the lip." The media picked up on this and quoted him extensively. The public wasn't all that impressed and the street cops and detectives started referring to the Chief as "Crazy Ed."

A more important change occurred during Davis' reign. More officers were making rank faster, but with less "street experience." As more "educated" officers made rank, the attitude of those in charge became more arrogant. The result was that those giving the orders had a much less clear idea of what should be done in any given situation (having little or no practical or field experience), and little or no empathy for those who had to carry out their orders. Street cops and working detectives were looked down on by many in the administration as less than ambitious, stupid, uneducated, or all three. Police officers involved in traffic accidents started receiving days off without pay for failing to avoid accidents and the criteria for receiving this discipline was pretty arbitrary.

Those of higher ranks would latch onto promising college graduates and make them adjutants, thus perpetuating the rise of better educated but less experienced ad empathetic supervisors, middle managers and administrators. Loyalty to individual higher ranked officers became more important than loyalty to the organization. Human nature being what it is, cliques began to form around certain higher-ranking administrators and power struggles automatically followed.

When Daryl Gates took over from Ed Davis, he was immediately more popular with the troops. But he did nothing to change the arrogance that was permeating the command rank structure of LAPD. Those that left LAPD who rose in rank after Chief Parker died to become Chiefs of Police in other cities were now demanding loyalty to themselves rather than to their departments and only a very few were successful as Chiefs. Still, LAPD's reputation, at least to those outside the department, remained intact.

To most of those familiar with the history of the Los Angeles Police Department, the one event that marks the start of the "fall" of LAPD would be the election of Tom Bradley as Mayor of Los Angeles. Although Bradley had been a lieutenant on the Los Angeles Police Department, an unbiased observer might aptly conclude that he loathed that organization. From the beginning of his long administration, he feuded with the Chief, cut funding and made public statements that barely disguised his feelings. The LAPD fleet of vehicles was kept in service well beyond what was safe and prudent because Mayor Bradley and the City Council refused to adequately fund the Department. With Bradley's strong backing, a ballot measure was past that gutted LAPD's retirement (probably the best in the state at that time) for new hires. After the Simi Valley verdict in the Rodney King case, Bradley made statements that were at the very least inflammatory and probably would have put anyone else in jail for "inciting to riot."

The general public believes that the "fall" of LAPD began with the Rodney King case. The truth of the matter is that the "fall" started almost a decade before Mr. King came into the limelight and had its roots in the academy defensive training that took place for decades before that.

For years before they were banned by the Los Angeles Police Commission, L.A. police officers were taught basically two types of "choke holds," the carotid (and a modified carotid) and the bar arm takedowns or restraints. The difference in the two holds is simple. The carotid control hold renders a suspect temporarily unconscious by blocking the flow of blood in the carotid artery to the brain. The bar arm renders a suspect temporarily unconscious by cutting off the flow of air to the lungs. The reality was that the academy staff preferred the bar arm hold to the carotid, and as a result, Los Angeles police officers used the bar arm much more than the carotid. The problem is that there is a much greater potential for neck and throat injuries to a violently resisting subject with the bar arm hold than with the carotid.

Between 1975 and 1982, 14 to 16 deaths were attributed to LAPD's use of either the bar arm or carotid control holds. The Long Beach Police Department, which taught and used the carotid control hold exclusively, has never had a death attributed to that hold. A review of other police agencies that teach and use only the carotid hold would most likely show the same results as Long Beach.

A study pertinent to the issue is "Deaths Allegedly Caused by the Use of 'Choke

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NEWS RELEASE

LAPPL ESTABLISHES DAY OF COURAGE SUPPORT FUND FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN NEW YORK CITY POLICE HEROES

LOS ANGELES, September 14, 2001 – With over 300 brave firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel among those who are missing or have lost their lives responding unselfishly to the disaster that occurred in New York on Tuesday, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) has established a Day of Courage Support Fund to assist the children of their police counterparts in New York.

"As law enforcement professionals, our hearts go out particularly to the hundreds of emergency personnel who gave up their lives Tuesday in service to their fellow Americans. They are the fallen heroes of this great tragedy," said LAPPL President Mitzi Grasso. "We have established this fund to help police officers' families bear through this extraordinarily difficult time, so that they can focus on being together and commemorating their loved ones."

"We are touched by the kindness that safety personnel in Los Angeles have shown already by going to New York to help in the rescue efforts, as some of our area search teams have done," said Vice President Bob Baker. "We also admire the generosity of LA residents who have donated blood to blood banks or offered their homes to stranded travelers. We hope that they can extend their hearts once more and offer support to the children of heroes."

Donations to the fund can be mailed to:

LAPPL, Attention: Day of Courage Support Fund
1308 W. 8th Street, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Checks should be made payable to the Eagle & Badge Foundation, with "Day of Courage Support Fund" written on the memo line. All donations will be sent directly to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the representative organization for all NYPD officers. (This information can also be found on the LAPPL's web site, at www.LAPD.com.)

The members of LAPPL offer their continued thoughts and prayers to all those affected by the tragic events on Tuesday, and hope that this support fund will ease the burdens now placed on many of the police officers' families.

About the LAPPL
Formed in 1922, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) represents the more than 9,000 dedicated and professional sworn members of the Los Angeles Police Department. The LAPPL serves to advance the interests of LAPD officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. The LAPPL can be found on the Web at www.LAPD.com.

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Holds' (SHIME-WAZA)," by E. Karl Koiwai, M.D., which can be found on the Internet at www.iif.org.commission-rp.-02.num. In his study, Dr. Koiwai investigated 14 deaths attributed to choke holds; 12 by police officers, one by custody officers and one by a martial arts student that was reported in 1981 but actually occurred in 1954. All of the others were in-custody deaths that occurred between 1975 and 1982. Of the 13 in-custody deaths, 10 could be attributed to the bar arm hold because the cause of death was either "asphyxia," "strangulation," "neck compression" or the police officer involved admitted to using the "bar arm" hold. Since a properly applied carotid hold cuts off blood to the brain and not air, the carotid could not have been the hold that caused the death.

In addition, several of the dead subjects were also placed "face down" and/or were placed in leg restraints which years later were proved to at least be a contributing factor in other in-custody deaths where no "choke holds" were used. At any rate, because of political pressure placed on the City of Los Angeles by 14 to 16 "choke hold" deaths, the Police Commission effectively banned "all choke holds" in 1982 by restricting their use to those situations where officers were allowed to use their handguns. Chief Daryl Gates, in an attempt to ward off a complete ban, had already prohibited the bar arm, a week or so before the Police Commission took their action. But the political climate was such that Gates either couldn't or wouldn't take on the media, Police Commission, County Coroner, City Council and/or the Mayor.

All in all, Gates argued correctly (if ineffectively) that the "choke holds" were preferable to the use of the baton, because the batons are "designed to inflict injury, which the holds are not."[2] Gates knew what every officer who ever worked the street for longer than a couple of months knew—that the number of injuries would increase to both suspects and officers if batons were used in the place of "choke holds."

In a 1998 interview of Lou Cannon, author of the book, *Official Negligence: How Rodney King and the Riots Changed Los Angeles and the LAPD*, on Salon.com, Mr. Cannon stated, "The city had taken away the choke hold that the LAPD had used, and equipped them with these weapons—steel, side-handled batons—not a 'nightstick' or a wooden club. You can literally kill someone with this steel club. As soon as the LAPD was equipped with these batons, in the early '80s, injuries started to rise, injuries to suspects, and injuries to police officers. This was pointed out to the City Council and to Mayor (Tom) Bradley, but they did nothing about it. After the riots, when LAPD asked to equip officers with pepper spray, the Council and the Police Commission gave it to them in a New York minute. They'd asked for it long before the riots and had been turned down."[3]

It was understandable in 1982 that Chief Gates did not take on an obviously losing battle to save the carotid restraint "choke hold." But what is totally incomprehensible is his response nine years later upon viewing the Rodney King video. Instead of seizing the opportunity to regain the use of the carotid restraint for the field police officers of LAPD by telling the media something along the lines of "Rodney King would not have been struck once had our officers been able to use the carotid restraint."

Instead of attempting to reduce the amount of injuries both to police officers and civilian suspects by stating, "Of course it looks bad. It is a beating, although a controlled one. We give our officers those batons to force people to comply with their lawful orders when they refuse to do so otherwise. All Rodney King had to do was STOP RESISTING and submit to handcuffing. One may ask if all of the baton blows were necessary and that is what we are investigating now. But we don't want to use our batons. What other choice do our officers have to overcome resistance when our best and least injurious tool, the carotid restraint, was taken from us by the Police Commission years ago. Perhaps now is the time to revisit that issue." Instead of trying to correct a wrong that he had tried to prevent nine years earlier and make the city safer for both the police officers and the public, Gates made the statement, "It made me nauseous," when speaking to reporters after viewing the King video.

Instead of waiting until an investigation was completed to make a statement, Gates tells the world that what the LAPD officers did to Rodney King on the video made him sick to his stomach. He also said it was an "aberration." Every street police officer in the world who heard Chief Gates make that statement knew what that meant. Koon, Powell, Wind and Briseno were going to be sacrificed to the media in spite of doing nothing outside of LAPD policy.

Lou Cannon, in the interview with Lori Leibovich in Salon.com, makes the statement, "Koon did what he was supposed to do under LAPD doctrine. …" Later in the same article when explaining why the Simi Valley acquitted the officers of any criminal wrongdoing, Cannon says, "They thought that the media hadn't told them the full story, and lo and behold, we hadn't."

Even though they had won the moral and judicial victory in Simi Valley, Koon and his men were out of jobs not because of anything they had done wrong but because they had the misfortune to be videotaped. President George Herbert Walker Bush, the man who had made the statement, "Read my lips. No new taxes," and then proceeded to raise taxes at the first sign of trouble with Congress, was upset at the verdict. With all the moral outrage of a preacher in a cathouse, President Bush sent the U.S. Attorneys after the hapless Los Angeles street cops.

But by far the most demoralizing thing to happen to the street police officers in L.A. was when the riots started after the Simi Valley verdict. Some high-level police brass just sat on their hands while citizens' lives were put at risk. Street cops were ready, willing and able to stop the carnage at the ignition point and police administrators held them in abeyance until they could get word from Chief Gates. As a result, the spark became a full fledged conflagration.

Now if you're a police officer working the streets of Los Angeles at that time, what must you be thinking? You see a sergeant and three fellow officers on a videotape that looks bad to the public, but the officers did what they were trained to do. The brass backs up Koon, Powell, Wind and Briseno the way a politician backs up his promises and sacrifices these officers to the public so they, the brass, will look like "strong" disciplinarians. This very same police brass displays an inordinate lack of bravery by doing nothing while the city burns until they get word from "above." And nothing happens to any of the police management team except for one sacrificial captain. Would such leadership inspire you? Would you follow those leaders into Hell?

At that point, Daryl Gates retires as Chief. The city fathers, in their ultimate wisdom, hire Willie Williams as Chief of Police. Considering the timidity with which the top brass handled the riot, it is no wonder they brought in an outsider. Despite the buffoonery that surrounded Williams' attempt to obtain a Carrying a Concealed Weapon (CCW) permit (he twice failed the Police Officers Standards and Training test), trips to Las Vegas, appointing new Boards of Rights to overturn decisions with which he disagreed, and poor speaking skills, he did one thing that could have kept a great many of the cops who have or are about to leave LAPD in the organization. He allowed some of the captains at certain substations to experiment with alternate work schedules (the three-twelve and the four-ten). (It should be noted that Chief Gates had approved a trial of those compressed work schedules a short time before the Rodney King case hit the media.)

When Williams' five years as Chief ends (and he is given a severance pay package Midas would envy), the City returns an LAPD insider, Bernie Parks, as Chief. One of the first things Parks does is cancel all work schedules but the standard eight hour/five day schedule. LAPD is a young department. Most young officers can't afford housing within the City or even in the Los Angeles basin. They wind up buying affordable homes in places like Moreno Valley, South Orange County, Riverside, Ventura, and Santa Clarita.

The new Chief of Police starts his job and cancels the one thing that can keep you working for LAPD, the one thing that will save you "freeway" time, transportation costs and STRESS. The Chief states that his studies indicate that these other work schedules are not effective and everyone knows that there are studies that make the new chief look very much like a liar. In addition, quite a few of the other police departments around the Southern California area have these alternative work schedules. If you were a young police officers would you stay with LAPD?

The double standard is alive and well on LAPD. While discipline for the street police officers is both swift and severe, command staff and "golden" children can expect to slide or even advancements for their indiscretions. A command officer who was found to be in a motel with a non-spousal member of the opposite sex at the time the riots were starting after the Simi Valley verdicts was later promoted. Another command officer who allegedly passed information about the O.J. Simpson case to a television reporter with whom he was allegedly having an affair, was also later promoted. Knowing this, would it inspire you to greater loyalty to LAPD or would you start looking for more fair and equitable command officers for which to work?

Not only that, but the administrative arrogance continues. Last year, after the Lakers won the NBA championship at Staples Center, there was a mini riot. Cop cars were burned, businesses looted and people terrorized. There were plenty of well-equipped officers to handle this disturbance. But the Deputy Chief in charge, Carlo Cudio, cowered and either refused or couldn't bring himself to deploy these officers who were begging to be allowed to do their sworn duty "to protect and to serve." LAPD looked like it was run by curators of a petting zoo. The excuses for this dereliction of duty by the top brass were as lame as they were self-congratulatory. Carlo Cudio was allowed to retire to become the Chief of Police in a town in Illinois. He received no discipline. Police officers would have been fired for such a dereliction of duty or for making the LAPD look as bad as it did. But there is obviously a double standard where rank is concerned.

Things are not getting any better for the rank-and-file street police officers in Los Angeles. Mitzi Grasso, President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League wrote an article in April of this year that was published in the Police Protective League newspaper, *The Thin Blue Line*. In it she describes the current state of affairs regarding discipline at LAPD. " an arbi-

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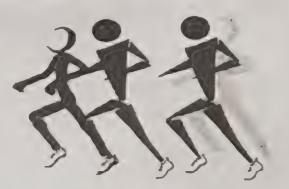

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Civil Code § 47.5: Ninth Circuit Does the Right Thing (For Once)

by Gary Fullerton, Attorney at Law

As you may recall, a very effective tool for the protection of peace officers in the state of California was Civil Code § 47.5. This section created an *exception* to the state policy that public officials could not sue for defamation in relation to a complaint made through official channels about their official conduct. The exception, created by the legislature in 1982, allowed peace officers to bring an action for defamation against an individual who had filed a complaint with the officer's employing agency falsely alleging misconduct, criminal conduct, or incompetence.

This tool was taken from us last year when the United States District Court found § 47.5 to be *unconstitutional* under the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court held that the action to sue under § 47.5 was *under color of law* or amounted to state action for purposes of relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, otherwise known as the Federal Civil Rights Statute. What all of this meant was that this very effective tool in combating false complaints was gone from our meager arsenal to protect you and your career.

Thankfully, this decision was appealed by Attorney Larry Roberts of the Law Offices of James Trott to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The sides were clearly drawn. Amicus briefs were filed by Hank Hernandez of the League, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, and the City of Long Beach in support of Roberts' appeal. In support of the citizen-appellee, the ACLU, as well as numerous civil rights groups filed opposing amicus briefs. The issue was clear: should police officers be able to sue for defamation if a citizen *knowingly* makes a false personnel complaint?

The Ninth Circuit, in a lapse from their well-known liberal bent against police officers and law enforcement in general, ruled that Civil Code § 47.5 *was* constitutional and did not support a cause of action for violation of the Civil Rights Act because it was *not* state action. The Court found that the filing of a defamation action by a police officer is a *private* action, and merely because a state law authorized such an action didn't convert it to state action. The filing of a defamation action does not chill First Amendment rights and there is no constitutional right to be free from defending speech in court. The Court did not specifically rule on the issue of equal protection, but by its disregard of this issue, it implicitly found no constitutional violation.

The importance of this renewed tool should be obvious to all. But, more importantly, the *manner* in which this tool is utilized is equally as important. It must be stressed that to prevail in such an action, one must prove that the complainant not only made a false complaint, but that he made it *knowingly*, and with spite, hatred or ill will, otherwise known as *malice*. This burden of proof is much harder to prove than it initially appears. Just because a complaint is not true means nothing. You must prove that the complainant knew it wasn't true. Many times that would be impossible since a person can believe a false thing. Getting into his head is impossible. He has the right to his own opinion. Merely because your agency found insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint, or even if the complaint was unfounded, this doesn't mean that you have a cause of action for defamation. You must be able to independently *prove* that the complainant *knew* the falsity of his complaint. Many times that means you must have a tape recording or independent witnesses to support your position. And after all of that, you must *prove* that the complainant acted out of spite, hatred, or ill will towards you. When officers misuse this tool and try to use it under the wrong circumstances, then we risk the loss of this valuable tool. After all, the legislature found it necessary to allow this exception *only* for the benefit of police officers. *No other public employee has such a right.* If the legislature believes that citizens are being abused by indiscriminate use of this tool, it will surely be taken away. We have no *right* to this tool.

So I advise you of this tool so that you may utilize it when appropriate. We all need protection from knowingly false actions that can destroy a professional career. But I caution you in the strongest terms as well to use this tool wisely and under the proper circumstances. Seek a legal opinion before you act.

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trary and unfair disciplinary process that makes mountains out of molehills, that destroys promotion opportunities, careers and lives, and that fails to distinguish between major police misconduct and minor mistakes."

She then asks the only logical question, "How does an organization succeed when it creates powerful incentives for nonperformance—in effect, tells its officers: Don't do anything that might generate a complaint?" The answer, of course, is that such an organization cannot succeed. Officers don't know what to do to keep out of Internal Affairs. When they come to work the street cops ask themselves, "What will I do today that could get me fired?" They smile and wave at citizens and try not to see things that will cause them to have to interact with the public. Sick time usage increases. IOD's increase and the amount of time used to recover from injuries also rises. Stress retirements increase geometrically. And if at all possible, if another agency is hiring lateral transfers, the best and the brightest officers leave that organization for "greener pastures."

And arrogant, non-street experienced, police administrators point the finger at "recruiting problems" or a lack of "qualified applicants" or "mal-contents" or "the undisciplined modern culture" or anything and everything but what is really at fault, which is a complete and total lack of leadership at the very top. Many apparently do not comprehend the difference between the dictatorial autocrat and a true leader. Some truly believe that power comes from the fear of rank, and many of them wield their rank like a sledgehammer. Quite a few of these police administrators justify what they do because of the low esteem in which they hold street officers. After all, why would anyone stay in such a dangerous position if he could transfer or promote out? They have no concept of the job satisfaction a street cop feels when he makes a good arrest and takes a really bad guy off the street. Or how a good detective feels when he puts together a case that, except for his hard work, would have left justice undone.

Most of the top brass of LAPD can *administer* large bureaus. Almost all of them cold *manage* million dollar budgets. But very few could *lead* a parched horse to water. And those that *can* lead are very often penned in by their bosses. To be a true leader one must have *willing* followers, not subordinates who are afraid of their own shadows. When the troops think that their bosses care more about how they, the bosses, look to the public, than about the safety and health of the troops, then the troops vote with their feet. When the field officers are AFRAID to do their jobs because of the administrative danger at the station and not because of any danger on the street, not only does the organization suffer, but the public that the organization is sworn to protect suffers.

When leaders are shunned by other high ranking administrators because they spoke up against a wrong, when yes-men are promoted and rewarded, and when constructive criticism is ridiculed and punished, no organization can be effective. No such organization can efficiently recruit new entry-level members. And thankfully, no such organization can go on for very long without major changes.

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His father, Richard F. "Dick" Williams, retired as a sergeant from the Los Angeles Police Department in 1971 after serving 27 years, most of which was in Intelligence (Organized Crime). Both of his grandfathers, Lawrence E. "Benny" Williams and Harry E. Miller retired from the Los Angeles Police Department. His uncle, Donald Williams, retired from the Hawthorne, California, Police Department. His cousin, Harold "Gene" Tuey, retired from LAPD.

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Los Angeles Police Department Employee's Report

Subject: Tardiness

Details: I was late to class on 5-7-01. There is no excuse for my tardiness. I understand that my tardiness effects the entire class, and their ability to learn. The following is a recollection of the events that occurred prior to my late arrival to school. It is not intended to be an excuse.

At approximately 0515 hours, I was dressed and ready to leave for school. I looked on the dresser and discovered that my wallet had been removed by the susp (male, wht, blonde, hazel, 2'22" 22lbs. DOB 11-2-99). The susp, who has a fetish for wallets, telephones, and motorcycles, placed my wallet in an unk location. Considering that I could not drive my motor vehicle without my driver's license, I began a frantic, but methodical search for my missing wallet. The susp, who only speaks a few words, was of no help in locating the missing wallet. His mother, who would not wake up, was also of no help. After approximately 20 minutes of searching, I located the wallet in the laundry hamper, along with very dirty clothes from the previous week of motor school. I then proceeded to school, but I was subsequently late.

Although this explanation may contain content of a humorous nature, I consider tardiness to be a serious matter. In the future, I will place my wallet at elevations that are not attainable to the susp. I will not be late again.

- Anonymous ❖

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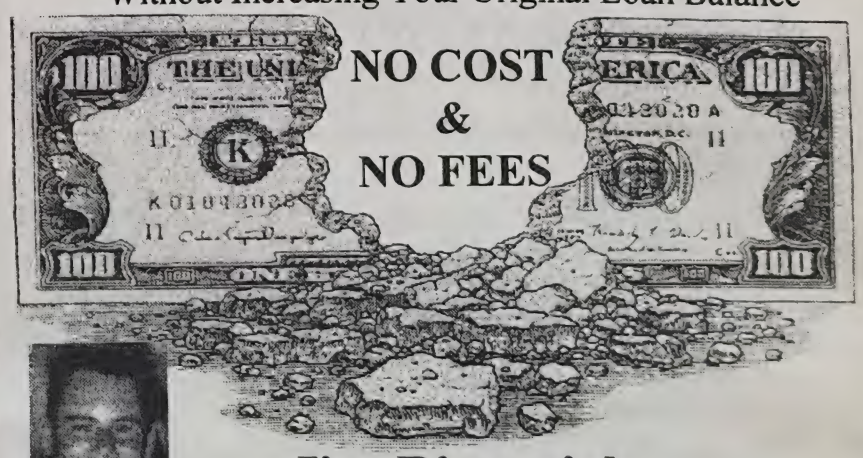

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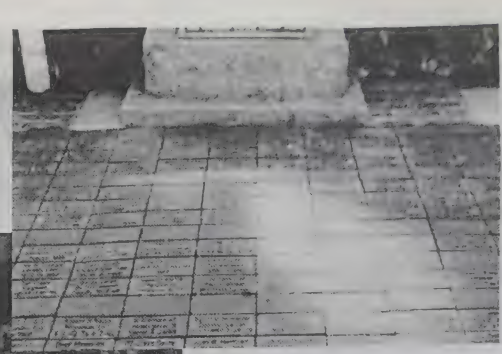

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the Parker FOUNDATION

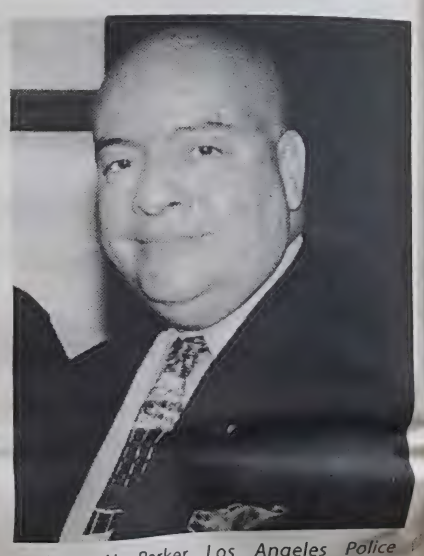
Foundation Update

By: Sergeant Steven H. Williams

The Parker Foundation had a busy month providing grants to Department employees for a myriad of courses. The spirit of the Parker Foundation fund is to fund equipment and training courses that would not normally be obtained through the Department training budget. For example, this month, the training unit within the LAPD S.W.A.T. Team came to the Foundation with a compelling request. Officer Bobby Gallegos had a responsibility to train the Department in Rapid Response Deployment techniques for officers in the field. To provide this training in a professional manner, he needed a professional audiovisual projector to present a power point presentation to the large-sized classes.

Officer Gallegos came to the Foundation with a request to purchase the projector and after a review by the Board of Directors of the Foundation, a grant was provided. Now, the LAPD S.W.A.T. personnel can produce a professional presentation and raise the level of training to best convey the training mission. This is just an example of the many services the Parker Foundation provides to the Department on a daily basis.

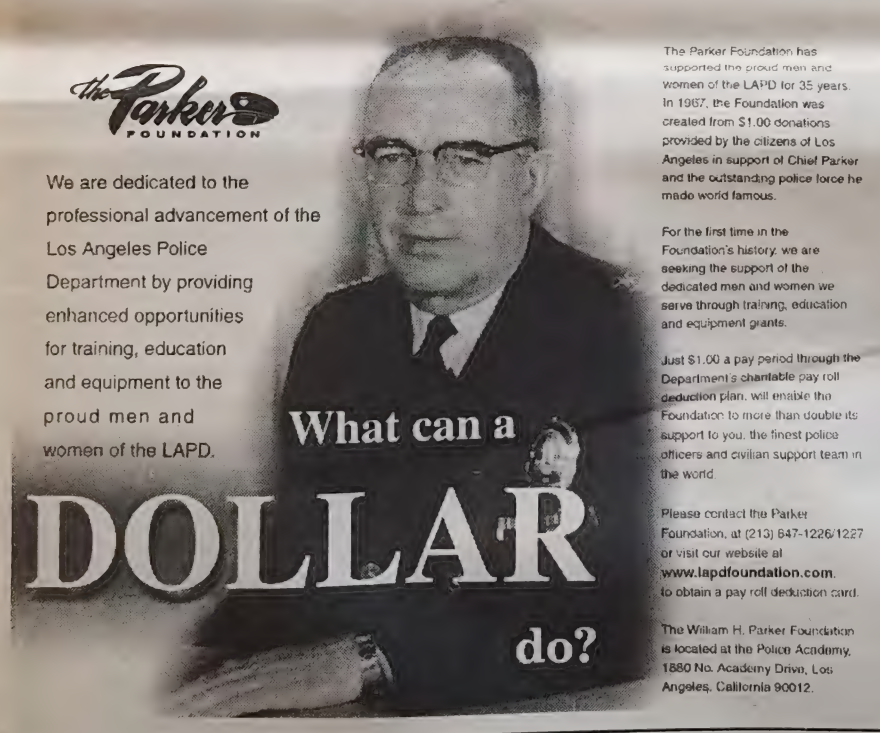
The Foundation's Board of Directors are concerned men and women from the Los Angeles business community that share a commitment with us as Los Angeles police officers to provide the most professional police services in America. Each Board of Directors truly believes in you and the mission of the LAPD. The Treasurer of the Parker Foundation is Mr. Kenneth P. Esteves, the Vice-President of Sales for Atlas Carpet Mills in downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Esteves was once an LAPD Police Explorer and feels committed to helping the LAPD any way he can. He volunteers countless hours sharing his expertise and guidance in business to the Foundation and has donated funds and in-kind donations to assist the Foundation and the LAPD. Mr. Esteves lives in Glendale and is very involved in many civic and philanthropic causes. An accomplished artist, his paintings reflect his vision on life and he donates his artistic talents to schools and civic organizations. After a semi-professional basketball career, he built a successful career in business sales and currently



William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation Treasurer Kenneth P. Esteves

guides the financial aspects of the Parker Foundation. Hopefully, this will give a little insight into the people that are involved in the Parker Foundation and support the LAPD.

Once again, we would like to remind you of our payroll deduction where we ask each Department employee to donate One Dollar a pay period to the Parker Foundation. The funds derive from the payroll deduction program help fund the many grants. Please contact the Parker Foundation website at www.lapdfoundation.com or the office, at (213) 847-1226 to obtain your payroll deduction card. ❖



A Police Officer Speaks

Barbara Gibson Miller wrote:

Well, Mr. Citizen, it seems you've figured me out. I fit neatly into the category where you've placed me. I'm stereotyped, standardized, characterized, classified, grouped, and always typical.

Unfortunately, the reverse is true. I can never figure you out. From birth you teach your children that I'm the bogeyman, then you're shocked when they identify with my traditional enemy…the criminal! You accuse me of coddling criminals…until I catch your kids doing wrong.

You may take an hour for lunch and several coffee breaks each day, but point me out as a loafer for having one cup. You pride yourself on your manners, but think nothing of disrupting my meals with your troubles. You raise hell with the guy who cuts you off in traffic, but let me catch you doing the same thing and I'm picking on you. You know all the traffic laws…but you've never gotten a single ticket you deserve.

You shout "foul" if you observe me driving fast to a call, but raise the roof if I take more than ten seconds to respond to your complaint. You call it part of my job if someone strikes me, but call it police brutality if I strike back. You shouldn't think of telling your dentist how to pull a tooth or your doctor how to take out an appendix, yet you are always willing to give me pointers on the law. You talk to me in a manner that would get you a bloody nose from anyone else, but expect me to take it without batting an eye.

You yell something's got to be done to fight crime, but you can't be bothered to get involved. You have no use for me at all, but of course it's OK if I change a flat for your wife, deliver your child in the back of the patrol car, or perhaps save your son's life with mouth-to-mouth breathing, or work many hours overtime looking for your lost daughter.

So, Mr. Citizen, you can stand there on your soapbox and rant and rave about the way I do my work, calling me every name in the book, but never stop to think that your property, family, or maybe even your life depends on me or one of my buddies. Yes, Mr. Citizen, it's me…the cop!

(The author of this article was Trooper Mitchell Brown of the Virginia State Police. He was killed in the line of duty two months after writing the article. As a salute to the millions of police officers who put their lives on the line for us everyday, please pass this on.) ❖

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VETERAN'S CORNER

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American Legion News

Commander Bill Zimmerman

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm - Panorama City Post #817
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Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz
160 N. Glendora Avenue
Covina, CA 91724
Hm: (626) 331-4271

by J.J. Leonard

August 10, 2001, members of American Legion Post #381 attended a ceremony at Devonshire Division. For the presentation to the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, a scrapbook of the shooting at the Jewish Community Center located at 16601 Rinaldi Street, Granada Hills, on August 10, 2000. The ceremony began at precisely 10:49 A.M., the exact time the shooting took place. The scrapbook was the results of the hard work of **Bob Russell**, a Devonshire volunteer, and Legionnaire. The book contains numerous newspaper articles regarding the event and various commendations for the involved Police Officers.

Attending the ceremony were Lieutenant **Joe Eddy** representing Devonshire Division; **Richard E. Kalk**, **Frank Oritz**, **Richard A. Ledesman**, **John "JJ" Leonard** and **Bob Reeves** representing American Legion Police Post #381 Hal Bernson's 12th District was represented. **Steven Kasten**, Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, accepted the scrapbook on behalf of the Police Historical Society. The incident at the Jewish Center started when an armed suspect entered the center and began to randomly fire numerous rounds from a 9mm automatic weapon at the adults and children inside. The rapid gunfire resulted in a number of people being injured and causing the others to flee in fear for their lives. The responding units secured the premise, evacuated the injured and completed the search for the suspect who had left the location just prior to the first officer's arrival. The event was another example of the outstanding work done by members of the Los Angeles Police Department.

L to R: Steve Kasten, Bob Russell, Lt. Joe Eddy, JJ Leonard.

L to R: Steven Kasten Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Police Historical Society. Legionnaire Bob Russell who put the scrapbook together. Lt. Joe Eddy representing Devonshire Div. Officer JJ Leonard (VTD) representing the Police Museum and also past Commander of Police Post #381

L to R: Richard Kalk (Ret.), Richard Ledesma (Ret.), Frank Ortiz (Past Cmdr - Ret.), Bob Reeves (Ret.), & JJ Leonard (VTD)

The scrapbook is now on display in the lobby of the museum, located at 6045 York Blvd. in Highland Park.

August Meeting

On August 21, 2001, the Los Angeles Police Post #281 had their monthly meeting at the Panorama City Post, 13553 Reedley St. Once again, only a $5 donation for an outstanding home cooked dinner, this time by members of Panorama Post. Next meeting we are looking forward to having our own JOE ALBRIGHT returns as our regular master cook. All budget requests must be in by next meeting.

Recruit Class #7-71

On August 24, 2001, JJ Leonard telephoned the New Academy to confirm that a new class was starting as planned on August 27, 2001...SURPRISE it was cancelled. So now we are planning to attend the next class (hopefully) on September 24, 2001...keep your fingers crossed.

Memories

August 1968...The Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps had its first graduating class.

August 1776...Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

August 1790...Birthday of the United States Coast Guard.

August 14, 1945...VJ Day Victory over Japan. Japan surrendered.

September 1973...Class 9/73 received the last POLICEMAN badge.

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team

Rumor has it that Sgt. **Fred Osby** might be pulling the pin after the first of the year and...**Mitch Windsor**, now Motor Sgt. Windsor, is thinking of returning to his old alma mater, the Drill Team. Wouldn't that be great. All we would have to do, is give him a quick refresher, he knows the drills. The Drill team next appearances will be on September 29th at the Irwindale Raceway and on October 6th leading the L.A. Valley Pride Parade with the Grand Marshal, Chief Bernard C. Parks. If you're not doing anything on the first of the month, the Drill Team practices up at Dodger Stadium, 1130 hrs.

The next meeting ...

of Police Post #381 will be on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is October 16, 2001. Cocktails are at 6:00 PM or 1800 hrs. Dinner at 7:00 PM or 1900 hrs., with the regular meeting to follow. There is a $5 donation for dinner. Location, the Panorama City Post located at 13553 Reedley St., Panorama City.

For information on the meeting, please call Commander **Bill Zimmerman** (818) 342-36465 or Adjutant Frank Oritz (626) 331-4271, or JJ Leonard with any info for this page (323) 344-9445. ❖

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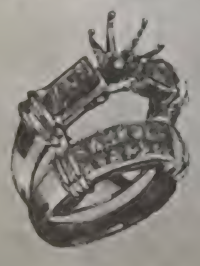

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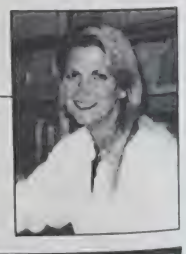

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HOLLYWOOD STARS

by Julie Stranahan and Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

IN's, OUT's and UP's:

Welcome Sgt. **J. Gonzalez** from Fthl, P2 **A. Acosta** from Cent, P2 **J. Kim** from Dev, and P2. **A. Ochoa** from 77th , all the P2's are going to PED, look out! We have a new P1, **J. Sterling**, good luck and welcome aboard.

Transferring out are Sgt **G. Romo** to TRD, Sgt. **P. Elkin** to SE, P3. **K. Gilbert** to Fthl, P3 **M. Snowden** to Nwhd, P2 **H. Ayon** to Ramp, P2. **J. Nicholaw** to Vny, and civilian **K. Karraker** to OCB.

Here in Hollywood we would like to start a trend. **Stefanie Fryer** gave us the brilliant idea, so from now on, please list all personnel who resign and go to other departments. These officers should also be remembered for their service, to this great city. So, best of luck to **J. Eubank** UCLA PD, **P. Segura** Whittier PD, and ***J. Wilson*** *Simi Valley PD.*

After 24 years serving Los Angeles, Sgt. **Jim Mateer**, Hollywood's Bike

Unit Supervisor, retired to join the Ontario Airport Police/Fire department. The photo pictured is with his last PM Watch. Jim is in the center, front row. We're all wishing you the best, sir.

We also lost another tenacious policeman and supervisor, Sgt. **John Chamness.** John retired after 29 years and 5 months. Sir, you will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of working with you. John's journey continues, as he is now a private investigator. Best of luck and stay safe!

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD:

On July 12th Ofcr **T. Glazebrook** and Ofcr **D. McNeal** responded to a 459/Burglary call. The victim had struggled with the suspect, which resulted in the suspect biting the victims arm. The suspect then fled in a stolen vehicle. During the investigation, Glazebrook recovered a set of dentures that did not belong to the homeowners. Glazebrook examined the false teeth and noticed the unusual imprint "J40271HULSE"inside the teeth. The officer recognized the name Hulse, as he had arrested a Hulse on two prior occasions. An inquiry into the computer system revealed the number was in fact, a California Department of Correction ID number, whoops! Ofcr **M. Rose** and Ofcr **A. Enriquez** weren't far away working patrol. They observed the suspect in the stolen vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The suspect's vehicle collided with a signpost and the curb, which led to a short foot pursuit. The suspect was taken into custody and Detective **M. Snowden** filed the great denture caper. Moral to the story, next time you bite someone's arm, make sure your name isn't on the false teeth.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

On Wednesday August 8th, community members participated in the 18th Annual National Night Out, crime and drug prevention event. Over 32 million people, across all 50 states, participate in this event each year. It's an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. Here in Hollywood, we transformed our two parking lots into a carnival like setting. We had a jumper climber with a slide, a magician, and all the hot dogs, popcorn, and snow cones one could eat. Over 300 people showed up for the event including, **Mayor James Hahn, Deputy Chief David Kalish, Deputy Chief David Gascon, Captain Mike Downing, and Captain David Baca.** Thanks to everyone who participated and we will see you again next year.

Hollywood would like to wish **Det. Ken LeDuc**, a quick recovery from his ant bites. Leduc, the avid gardener, was so engrossed with his work, he didn't notice the giant fire ants biting his *entire* body. A quick trip to the emergency room and a shot of epinephrine helped out, but he still had to explain the red marks at work! Didn't your wife tell you not to play with ants! Maybe it is time to hire a gardener or sit on one of those knee cushions. Either way, get well soon, we have a backlog.

P3 Dave Mascarenas, P3+1 Vince Aguirre, Det. III Denise Montgomery, and PSR Steph Burkhart, enjoying the shade.

Hollywood would like to congratulate Detective II **Sharrone Dill,** who has played on the LAPD Women's Basketball team for the last 16 years. She has received several Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals over the years. Congratulations to you on all your accomplishments.

Sharrone Dill with her medals (1985-2001).

PARTING SHOT:

Hollywood's Holiday Party will be held on December 1st at Paramount Studios, so mark your calendars! J & T are out to code 7.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Officer John Collyer

It has been a few months since our last *Blue Line* article and we have gone through several notable changes. First and foremost, we have moved our office from Hollywood to the Personnel Building. Our new address is 700 East Temple Street, Room B-38 and our new number is (213) 485-3800. Our new toll free phone number for Recruitment is (866) 444-LAPD. Our new office location will allow us to be closer to Personnel Division as well as the Public Safety Employment Division. This move to a centralized location will prove beneficial in streamlining and expediting our line of communications for recruitment issues between the numerous entities that are involved in the hiring process. Additionally, we are currently in a transition phase in which Recruitment Section will ultimately become its own Division, encompassing Backgrounds (AIS) and Recruitment.

The Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program, which used to give $200 to eligible city employees for recruiting a candidate for police officer has recently been increased to $500. The incentive cards are available at Recruitment Section, the Personnel Department/Public Safety Employment Division, Employee Opportunity and Development Section, and at all departmental personnel offices.

The past several months have seen an increase in local advertising that has helped in attracting a lot of new candidates. The local advertising has included numerous radio ads, various local newspapers, Magic Johnson Movie Theaters, billboards, and Internet (AOL keyword – LAPD).

Now that colleges and universities are back in session, we will be recruiting out of the area in the upcoming months. We are scheduled to test in Oakland from September 23rd to September 30th, Sacramento from September 30th to October 8th, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on October 11th, Bakersfield from October 22nd to October 27th, 29 Palms Marine Corps Air Combat Center during the first week of November, and in San Diego from November 11th to November 18th.

Recruitment Section will be hosting the Women's Expo 2001 on October 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Elysian Park Academy. This event will allow individuals and families to meet the women of LAPD, find out about the diverse career opportunities and to prepare for the Academy. The written test will be offered twice.

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like us to staff an event, please call us at (213) 485-3800.

77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street

77th Street"Power Pigs" Rule

Our Divisional call sign is number "12" and that could be the omen that this Division needs to bring on in the 12th win for 77th Street in the upcoming Bench Press contest. Sport's Beater "Lew Snow" is melting away with his attempts to overturn our so-called reign of terror. But rest assured, Lt. **Paul Von Lutzow** (aka: Prince of Pork) his merry henchmen and maidens will be in full force on October 12! We look forward to seeing you all there! Good luck to all of you!

Angels in Blue

On August 25, 2001, at approximately 1230 hours, a neighbor alerted off-duty STD Officer **Wilford Luke**, #27411, that two children had drowned in her pool. Luke responded to the location and pulled both children from the pool. 77th Street Officer **Bridget Pickett**, #32798, and Officer **Jesse Estrada**, #32262, were code 6 at the location within a minute, after receiving an unknown trouble radio call. They were advised of the situation and immediately responded to assist Officer Luke. Officer Luke was performing CPR one of the children and Bridget and Jesse began CPR on the second child. The efforts of these officers brought a heartbeat back to these children. One child began breathing on his own at the scene, and was listed in good condition. The second child was listed in serious condition after being transported by R.A. For these two children there was a God on this day, and it was this same God that sent these angels in blue. Congratulations you guys, and may God's blessings be with you as you continue to protect and serve.

Lieutenants and Leadership

Congratulations to our P.M. Watch Commander, Lt. **Dave Lindsey**, #25236, on his recent graduation from the Department's "West Point Leadership and Command Program." This is a leadership course offered to sergeants and above and its curriculum is taken from West Point, which is the oldest military institute in the nation. Dave attended this course one-week at a time for a period over four months. I contacted his supervisors in charge of this course to get the 411 on his performance and I was told that not only was he a pleasure to have in class, but he was an exemplary student. We will be sure to include this in your rating, Sir! Congratulations on a job well done!

Show a Code 4, Future Spouse in Custody

77th Street is proud to announce two engagements involving officers working within our division. Officer **Catherine Finck**, #31290, and Officer **Mel Durant**, #31217, will be saying "I do" within a year and Officer **Rebecca Gordon**, #30098, and Officer **Jeff Martin**, #32877, will be saying those same words shortly thereafter! I suppose you could say that love is in the air!

You Can Run, But You Can't Hide

On August 22nd, Officer **Ron Masterson**, #31676, and Officer **Travis Kupka**, #33860, observed a red four-door '94 Saturn commit a traffic violation. After completing a warrant check of the vehicle, it was determined that the vehicle was stolen. The officers requested the necessary back-up and before back-up officers could arrive the vehicle pulled to the curb. The three male blacks inside the vehicle were ordered to stay in the vehicle, but instead chose to run from the officers in separate directions. The officers cleared the vehicle and observed a loaded sawed-off shotgun in the rear seat and a loaded .22 caliber rifle in the front seat. Ron and Travis gave a short foot pursuit in order to determine a perimeter location. Because of the excellent radio broadcast by the officers, a large perimeter was established quickly.

While the perimeter was being established, the officers received info from Southwest that the vehicle was possibly used in a 211 wherein one of the suspects used a sawed-off shotgun in an attempt to rob a security guard of his gun. The security guard refused and fired one round at the suspect. The suspects then came into 77th, only to get caught up in one of our perimeters and a chance to meet our K-9. Two suspects were taken into custody. Just another outstanding example of teamwork between two divisions.

It Was This Big

Each year a group of our guys go down into an undisclosed location in Mexico to do some serious fishing. This year was no exception and they actually did quite well. It is a good time for everybody and as they would put it, "the beers are only a buck." Welcome home guys. It was a relief to see that the Mexican police did not take any of you as a houseguest!

Ara Hollenback, Chuck Tizano, Ben Gutierrez, Matt Cundiff, Enrique Robledo, Mike Shea, Mike Cardenas

Brian Owen, Enrique Robledo and Ara Hollenback with one day's catch.

Well, that's it for now. You guys be safe out there!

18 SOUTHEAST

by Chuck Hicks

Well, I'm back to report on the happenings of Southeast. Unfortunately, I don't have a lot to write about this month. As the League is your League, so is the divisional monthly *Blue Line* article. I need your input. So if you have any good capers, birth announcements, upcoming events, or anything of interest concerning Southeast and the people working here, just write the info up and put it in the mailbox in the report writing room or e-mail. Pictures also can be submitted. The only thing is that I have only so much space available in the *Blue Line*, but I will make every effort to print what is given to me. I would like to use up the space available to us every month. The deadline to get me the items to be printed is the first of every month. The article is due the sixth of every month.

Upcoming Events

These are some of the upcoming events for Southeast that I know about. The Division inspection—oh, what fun—I believe is scheduled for October 12th. Southeast awards luncheon. I don't have a date on that yet. Yes, I know it seems a little early for this, but the Southeast Christmas party, or is it the holiday party…Whatever we are supposed to call it will be coming up in December. It's usually the first part of December.

Birth Announcements

Well, the only birth announcement I have is of my son on April 19th. He weighed in at 10 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches long. After a brief stay in the hospital (mom needed an extra couple of days), mom and baby came home and are doing fine. We named him Michael James. His two older sisters are very excited about their new baby brother.

That is all for this month. Please send items to submit so I can fill our article every month. Stay positive, be safe, and keep on keeping on. ❖

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Journal

And then there were the transfers… We were sorry to see Sgt. 2 **Yvonne Parker** leave us to be a Det. 3 at CIID, but we wish her all the best. Don't forget to take your spam. We will also miss Sgt. **Chandler** who was promoted to Sgt. 2 at IAG. That goes for Det. 1 **J. Eum** who went to Van Nuys, and P-2s **J. Curtis** to 77th, **T. Hopper** to SB, **S. French** to WTD, and **M. Marrache** to VN. We have some newcomers like **D. Sigler** from CTD as Det. 1, and P-3s **P. Chambers** from DEV and **D. Stout** from WVAL as Det. 1s. P-3 **W. Porche** joined us from Wilshire, Det. 1 **K. Carranza** was promoted to Det 2, and rookie **C. Wilbourn** have all hung their hats over here.

Headed up by P-3 extraordinaire **Mike Moore**, over 300 items of personal property belonging to a Westwood transient were booked for storage on public property. Now that's definitely a Guinness World Book of Records item if we ever saw one.

WLA's own Dynamic Duo - Shaw and Reichling - on serious security patrol.

There they are, the dynamic duo. No, not Batman and Robin. It's **Shaw** and **Reichling**! Back together by popular demand after working many years ago together as security guards! If you don't believe it, just check out the picture. The proof is in the pudding, or so they say. They worked for both Bel Air Patrol and Westec before heading for greener pastures. Chris Shaw went to the V.A. police and then joined the LAPD. Ken Reichling went to work for the Adelanto Police Department in 1989 then joined the L.A. County Police and finally the LAPD in 1996. And now they are once again partners in crime. McGarrett and Dano would be proud.

Over 300 items of evidence booked at WLA - this transient had the record for Guinness!

P-3 **Ted Ferrouillet** and his rookie partner, **Henningsen** were recently involved in quite a cop caper on an afternoon that started out as just another day in West L.A. Citizens had called reporting a fight in the area of Saltair and Rochester. Officers responded to find one suspect fleeing in a blue vehicle and another suspect running from the location. Both of the suspects were members of a white supremacy group and had been involved in a knife fight. A perimeter was set up within mere minutes of the occurrence and the entire area was cordoned off. The Air Unit and K-9 officers were requested for a search of the area. Officer Chris Shaw ultimately spotted a trail of blood which led to a very small crawl hole at the nearby apartment building. Additional blood was also spotted on vehicles in the area. The crawl space was so small that officers decided to wait it out with the suspect rather than risk a possible assault from the suspect if either an officer or the K-9 dog were sent in. Several hours later the suspect did, indeed, crawl out after losing a large amount of blood due to a large facial gash and other knife wounds. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident and all of the units involved are to be commended for a job well done, a smooth operation and a great perimeter. Ferrouillet and Henningsen were still wrapping things up long after day watch had arrived for work the following morning.

It just goes to show that you never know what's going to happen and the ordinary can turn into the extraordinary with just one radio call. ❖

Jim and Shirley Merle. Baker to Vegas #1 support for WLA (3 years in a row!) "It's all good!"

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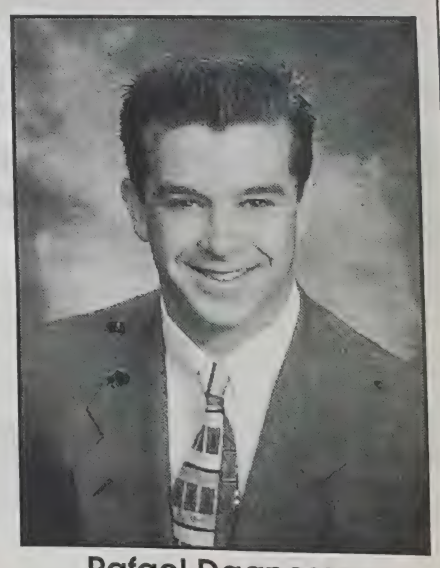

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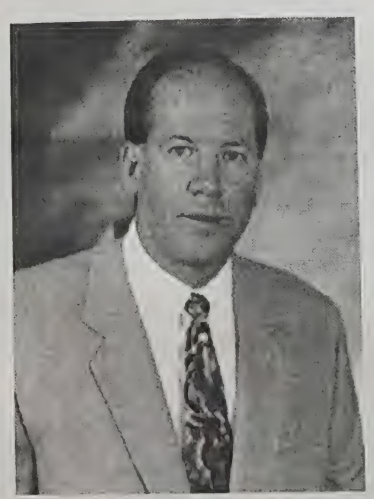

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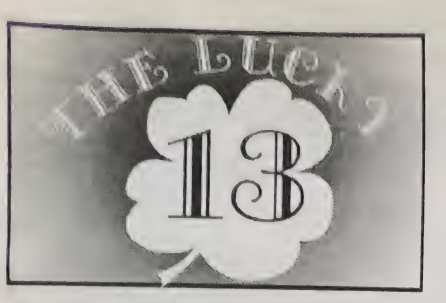

by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Officers of the Quarter

Senior Lead Officer **Mark Hyland** (Day Watch) for leading the watch in traffic enforcement, having the largest reduction in Part I Crimes and for having the largest amount of money donated within the Area, to the Memorial Foundation.

Officer **Jennifer Grasso** (AM Watch) for her work ethic, energy and enthusiasm toward her job assignment. Officer Grasso displays outstanding interpersonal skills with both the public and her peers. She continues to show great initiative and always adopts a proactive attitude towards her assignment.

And for PM Watch Officers of the Quarter, it went to the dynamic duet Officers McBride and his boy "Wunder." A review of the quarter revealed that this dynamic team was 34 percent higher in traffic enforcement, 200 percent above the watch average in felony arrests. Also during this quarter, McBride and his boy "Wunder" removed ten firearms from the streets of Newton. These weapons ranged from .22 caliber handguns to sophisticated "Tech-Nine" assault weapons. Removing these dangerous weapons from the streets is a significant contribution to the continuing Department focus on gang violence and the proliferation of firearms in the possession of criminals.

Officers **Jamie McBride** and **Charlie Wunder** are dynamic, dedicated police officers, each of whom maintains a positive "can-do" attitude.

Commendable Capers

Newton bandit arrested on four counts of robbery, one count of attempt robbery, and two counts of ADW:

On July 29, Officers Grasso and **Arenas** were in the vicinity of 46th Street and Central Avenue responding to a radio call. The victim advised the officers that the day before he had been beaten and robbed, and that the suspect had just been seen as the officers arrived. Both officers immediately searched the area and observed the suspect in the alley. A short foot pursuit ensued resulting in the capture of the suspect. Great work, Grasso and Arenas!

Due to a recent gang war and numerous shootings between the "Pueblo Bishops" and the "Bloodstone Villians" (in Newton?), Newton SEU officers directed their activities to the area around the Pueblo Del Rio Housing Development. Newton SEU officers observed a U-Haul truck covered with gang graffiti traveling at a high rate of speed toward the Pueblos. Officers attempted to stop the truck and a pursuit resulted, which quickly terminated. A foot pursuit ensued and one suspect was taken into custody. During SEU's investigation, a loaded 9mm handgun was recovered from the U-Haul truck and the suspect, a "Pueblo Bishop" was booked for "Ex-con with a gun." Outstanding teamwork, SEU!

Ins and Outs

A big see ya goes to Sgt. I **Mike** "Sponge Bob Square Pants" **Mabie**. He's off to Internal Affairs Group as a Sergeant II. Congrats, Mike! Also, Det. **Steve Reyes** is off to TSS (?) and Officer **Rose-Marie Ledesma-Gaeta** (are we confused) is off to Juvenile Division.

Welcome to Newton goes to Sgt. **Guillermo Perez** coming back to Newton from Jail Division, Det. **Campo**

heading north from 77th, Officer **Erby** from Communication Division, Officer **Sobel** from Van Nuys Division, and Officers **Broussard** and **Velasco** fresh from the gates of the Academy.

Newton BBQ

Newton pulled it off thanks to the work of **Kelle Baitx**, his wife Delia and a few others. About 150 Newtonites and their families attended, stuffing their faces with hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's.

Newton's Community Relations provided plenty of static displays, LAFD and Air Support to name a few, and games for the kids. Arrangements were also made for the Academy pool to be open. And, as warm as it was, there were Newtonites jumping in and out of the pool all day long.

A huge line began to form when Captains **Maeweather** and **Buck**, along with Lt. **Deranian** volunteered for the dunk tank. We heard a rumor that there were still a few large ice cubes floating around during the dunk tank ice-capades. ❖

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ON THE Eastern HorizoN

by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

A very happy October to you. May the falling leaves of autumn brighten your home as you sip hot tea next to the fireplace in the company of your sweetheart.

The Hollenbeck bike detail headed by fearless Vince Rodriguez.

Memorial Golf Tournament

The **Steve Gajda** Memorial Golf Classic, held on August 16, was a great success with a large turnout. The golf tournament was followed by dinner and entertainment and was enjoyed by all. Everyone had a wonderful time at the fund-raising event, which we hope will become an annual celebration of Steve's life. Special thanks go out to Officers **Bob Garcia** and **Anthony Razo** for all their hard work and dedication while organizing the event.

Community Event

On August 18th, the Hollenbeck Community came together for a Stop-the-Violence block party. Many entities, headed by Councilman Nick Pacheco's office, took part in the event, held in the 1300 block of Prado Street. The day's festivities included plenty of food as well as entertainment by folkloric and Aztec Indian dancers. The occasion provided an opportunity for Community members and Police Department personnel to unite with the common goal of bringing peace and harmony to our neighborhoods. More such community events are being planned for the near future.

Stork News

Two new arrivals to the Hollenbeck family have been announced. Officer **Jeff Mares** is now the proud Papa of a bouncing baby boy. Brian Jeffrey Mares was born on August 19 at precisely 5:28 p.m. and weighed in at 6 lbs. while measuring 20-1/2 inches in length. Daddy, mom Deanna and baby are all doing well and getting acquainted. Officer **Frank Lopez** is also a new father, as his lovely wife gave birth to a beautiful little girl. Baby Jasmine Lopez made her presence known as she entered our world on August 28 at 11:48 p.m. Little Jasmine tipped the scales at 7 lbs. and measured 19 inches. Congratulations to all of you on your family additions and best of luck in the future.

Welcome

A warm Hollenbeck welcome goes out to Det. **Priscilla Torres**, who returns to her roots after spending time at Rampart Division. We also say hello to P-3 **Rudy Chavez** in from 77th Division. **Rogelio Gutierrez** also comes to us via 77th Division while **Anthony Salazar** joins us from Narcotics Division. We have two brand new officers who recently graduated from that fine institution of learning known as the Los Angeles Police Academy. Please welcome probationary officers **Sean Dempsey** and **Craig Piantanida**. We extend a welcome hand to all of you and may your stay at Hollenbeck be a memorable one.

Maria Roumbos and her Training Officer John Munguia.

We welcome back P-3 **Maria Roumbos**, who has returned from extended maternity leave. She is now being trained by her Training Officer, **John Munguia**.

Goodbye

After a long tenure at Hollenbeck Division, we bid farewell and good tidings to D-3 **Charles Markel** now assigned to Harbor Division. Goodbye also goes out to **Craig McLaren**, now turning tricks while working vice at Rampart Division. **Natalie Humphries** is now patrolling the streets of 77th Division. **Fabien Evans** is now at Communications Division and **O. Fungaroli** is at DHD. Last, but not least, Clerk Typist **Rina Aragon** has departed and is now working at Northeast Division.

A special farewell with lots of good luck wishes attached goes out to Officer **Larry Wilson**, who left the LAPD and returned to his home state of Iowa where he is continuing his law enforcement career. Also gone from our department is Officer **Sean Hoffman**, now providing his services at Montebello P.D. Larry and Sean, good luck in your respective new careers and may nothing but the best come your way.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Bob** "The Dinosaur" **Brogelman**. They don't make cops like that anymore. ❖

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WINGS & ARROWS

by Tom Fox
Central Traffic

Ins & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes Officers: Sgt. **R. Lockett**, #23561, comes to CTD from S/W Division, Officers **O. Thomas**, #34998, comes to CTD from Central Division, **S. Julian**, #35612, comes to CTD from Harbor Division, and **C. Redrup**, #35618, comes to CTD from Harbor Division.

Sgt. **S. Heglar**, #26467, leaves CTD (again) for a Sgt.-2 spot at WTD (see you next year), Officers **Dave Sigler**, #32904, leaves CTD for a Det. 1 spot at WLA, **M. Jolicoeur**, #26674, leaves CIFU for a spot at USD, **M. Basaker**, #34037, leaves CTD-CI for a 2+2 motor spot at STD, and **K. Smith**, #31528, 2+2 leaves CTD for a 2+2 spot at VTD.

Ask 24 T 90

Questions asked by field officers: Can a taxi driver have a class "C" license and drive a taxi with passengers? (yes)

What is the violation for gridlock? What elements would I list on the cite? [22526(a) vc blocking I/S]

What is the violation for entering the flow of traffic from a parking lot, crossing n/b lanes into s/b lanes unsafely, oncoming traffic had to stop abruptly to avoid a t/c [21804(a) vc]

Car Show

The 2001 CTD Car Show was a huge success thanks to all the people that volunteered their time and effort for a good cause.

The show had 340 entries, cars of all types. There was a PT Cruiser club and Chevy s/s club with 20 entries. There was a Japanese fire truck and an Adam-12 car AMC (1A12). The crowd was estimated to 7,000 spectators.

This was the sixth car that CTD has put on. $21,000 was raised at this show, with a total $118,000 raised to date for the Children's Hospital.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department SEB team (SWAT) had a display of weapons and their mascot (bulldog). They brought the sheriff K-9 unit as part of their display. Two sheriffs helicopters did a fly-by. The LAPD air unit did two fly-bys. Both the sheriffs and LAPD fly-bys had the car show spectators looking towards the sky.

The California Highway Patrol had a recruitment booth, along with the LAPD recruitment booth.

The crowd and the participants were one of the biggest that we've had. The Downed Officer Motorcycle Club brought approximately 1,100 to 1,200 motorcycles for display.

Congratulations to **Abe Rangel**, **John Nichols**, Sgt. **Tavares**, all the officers from the CTD Traffic Complaint Unit, all the officers that gave up their day off, all the reserve officers and everybody that worked for a good cause. Because of these people the show was a success. ❖

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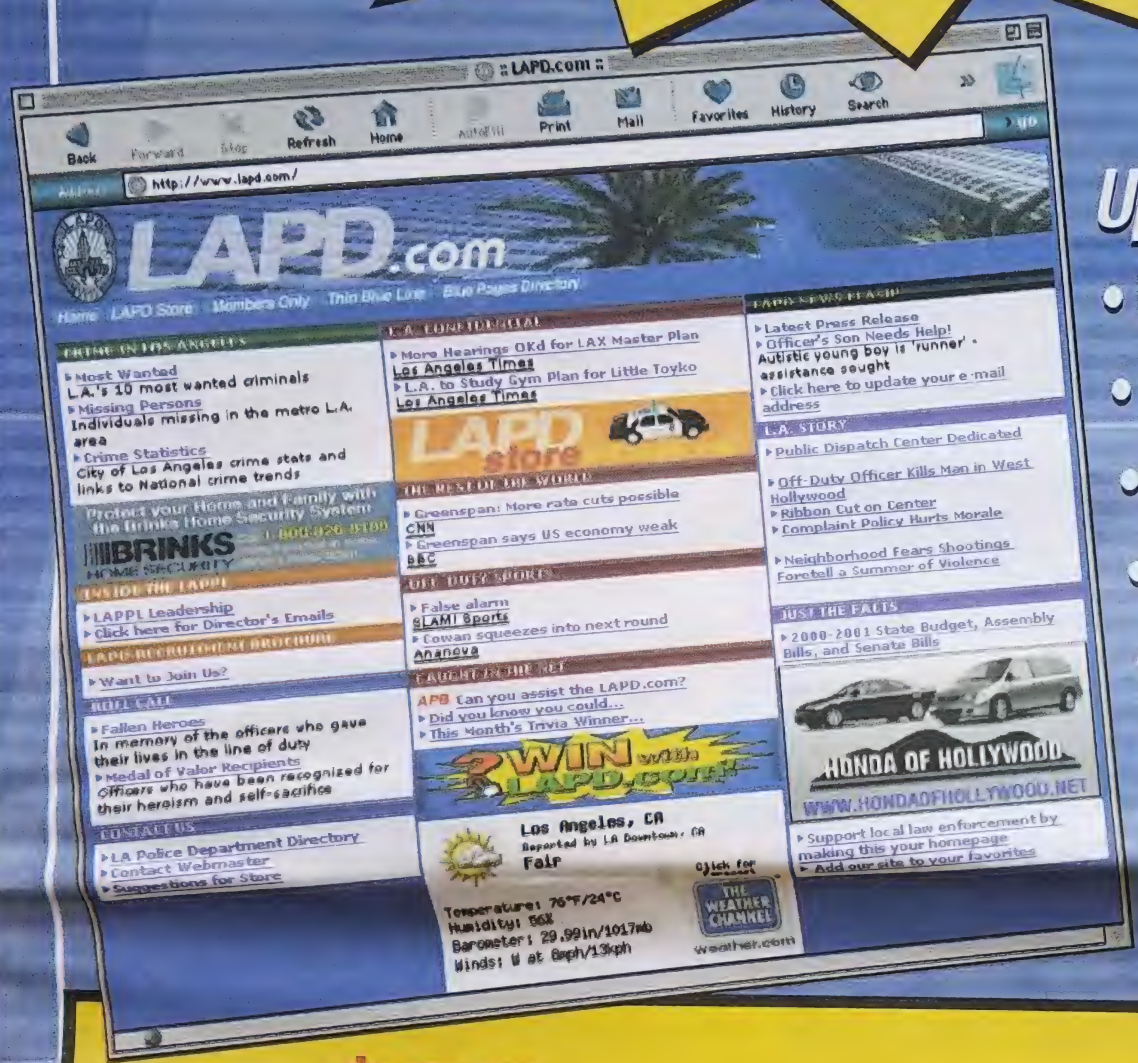

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Officer Mark Mireles

On the rainy evening of February 16, 2000, off-duty Officer Mark Mireles was driving home on Riverside Drive in Los Feliz when he observed a large blue flash in front of the MTA bus he was following. He then observed all power in the surrounding area go out. Officer Mireles drove around the bus and saw a Jeep Cherokee on its side near the east curb near a sheared off power pole lying on the road.

With the live transformer and electrical wires in contact with the wet ground, blue arcs of electricity illuminated the area surrounding the disabled vehicle. Officer Mireles parked his vehicle in the center lane and activated his hazard lights. He then exited his vehicle, ran over to the bus, identified himself as a police officer and instructed the bus driver to request police and fire units to the scene.

Returning his attention to the Jeep, Officer Mireles witnessed the driver climb out of the driver's side window and fall to the curb. Dazed, but not seriously injured, the driver then tried to return to the Jeep to rescue his wife on the passenger side of the vehicle. Officer Mireles stopped him, warning him that he could be electrocuted if he tried to re-enter the vehicle. Officer Mireles escorted the driver to a safe area and notified him that the Fire Department was en route.

Carefully maneuvering between the downed electrical lines, some of which were wrapped around and laying on the vehicle, Officer Mireles climbed on top of the disabled Jeep to check on the condition of the passenger. The passenger complained of severe pain in her right arm and was unable to pull herself out of the vehicle. Because of the downed power lines and the unstable condition of the upturned Jeep, Officer Mireles cautioned the passenger to remain calm and not move until the Fire Department arrived.

Suddenly, the downed power transformer burst into flames, igniting flammable liquids that had leaked from the vehicle. Officer Mireles, fearing that the flames would spread to the vehicle, and without regard for his personal safety, returned to the Jeep and calmly told the passenger that he was going to get her out. He reached in through the driver-side door and physically pulled the woman out. Officer Mireles helped the passenger off the Jeep and carried her through the path of downed live electrical wires to safety.

Officer Mark Mireles' bravery, courage, and heroic actions in rescuing a woman in imminent and extreme danger embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For these outstanding efforts, Officer Mireles is hereby acknowledged with the Medal of Valor.

Officer Mark Mireles and his family:

Officer Orozco, Narrator Dennis Franz and Officer Mireles.

Ignacio and Carmen Miramontes show their gratitude and support for Officer Mark Mireles.

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Officer Mark Mireles, Tommy LaSorda, Mayor Jim Hahn and Officer David Orozco.

Officer David Orozco

On the afternoon of June 15, 2000, a 42-year-old male had reached a state of deteriorated mental health to the point where taking his own life seemed his only option. To end his mental suffering, he decided to leap to his death from a seventh floor parking structure located on Wilshire Blvd. to the sidewalk below. An unidentified individual witnessed the man climb over the waist-high wall on the top level and onto the thin ledge surrounding the structure. The witness then called 9-1-1 and informed the operator of what appeared to be a suicide in progress.

Officer David Orozco and his partner responded to the radio call. Upon arrival they observed the distraught man on the ledge and immediately requested the Fire Department and additional units to respond, as the parking structure was in a heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic business district of Wilshire Boulevard. A crowd had already started to assemble to witness the outcome.

Before the Fire Department and additional police units arrived, the man jumped from the ledge. As he was falling, his right arm miraculously hooked on to the railing of the sixth floor, temporarily stopping his descent. Fire Department personnel had arrived and attempted to inflate a jump cushion but were unsuccessful due to the trees lining the sidewalk. Officer Orozco and his partner decided that other measures had to be taken.

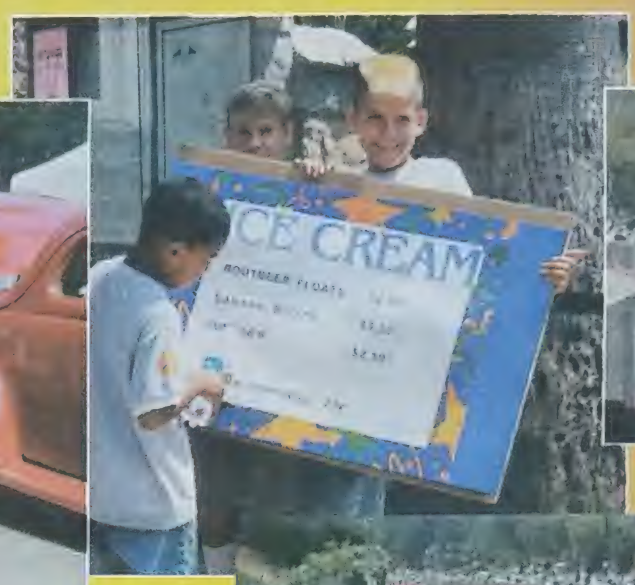
Officer Orozco then began speaking to the distraught man and slowly approached. In a soothing manner, Officer Orozco continued the conversation for several minutes. The man, suddenly ignoring the officer, looked out over the crowd that had gathered below and prepared to jump. Just as he let go of the railing and began to fall, Officer Orozco lunged forward and grabbed the right sleeve of the man's jacket. The jumper was now dangling in midair, being held only by Officer Orozco.

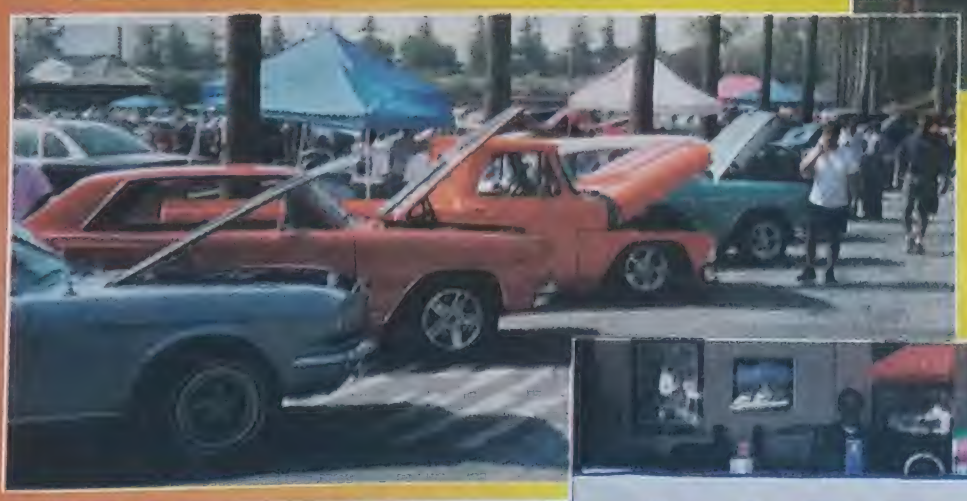
Officer David Orozco with his family:

The weight of the man falling pulled Officer Orozco over the retaining wall. The officer managed to grab the ledge with one hand and hold on to the man with the other. Officer Orozco's partner grabbed Officer Orozco and held on as the distraught man dangling in midair fought to break free. The struggle continued for at least one minute. Just as it appeared that progress was being made, the man's jacket began to give way. At that moment, an unidentified individual ran to the aid of the officers, threw his upper body over the wall and grabbed the jumper by the belt. Despite the violent, fighting efforts of the jumper, the combined efforts of Officer Orozco, his partner, and the unidentified individual prevailed and the distraught man was pulled to safety. The distraught man was then transported to the hospital for mental evaluation and counseling.

Officer David Orozco is commended for his bravery, clear thinking and quick response to a rapidly deteriorating incident. In the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, Officer Orozco is awarded the Medal of Valor.

Cops for Tots
CAR SHOW





photos by Peter Repovich

Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Ooops!

First, let me apologize for not submitting articles for the last two issues of *The Thin Blue Line*. Things have been busy in Harbor. After coordinating three retirement parties, I have a deep respect for folks who put on one of those gigs. Thanks to the officers at the station, the Harbor Range, the families of the officers who retired, La Perla Bakery, Ramona's Bakery, Baja Cabana Restaurant, Maya Restaurant, Mary Ann's Flowers, the helpful people at PAB, and Gemline Framing. Also, to our politicians who sent us letters of commendation and appreciation, from the president on down to the local offices in the city and county. A giant thank you to all involved.

Ins & Outs & Ups

Let's do some catching up. Reaching back to DP #7, hearty farewells to a few retirees: D-2 **Doyle** "The Tiger" **Baker**, P-3 **Fritz** "The Alley Cat" **McDowell**, D-3 **Sam Snyder**, Sgt-2 **John Girard**, and P-3 "Smokin'" **Joe Hernandez**. Coming in for DP #7 were Lt-1 **Ernest Eskridge**, D-2 **Tanya Bowie**, D-1 **Tina Bavouset**, and P-3 **Suzanne McDuffie**. Leaving Harbor was Lt-2 **Phil Tingirides** headed for South Bureau, Sgt-1 **Steve Moody** en route to Newton Division, and P-2 **Maricela Huerta** gone to Communications. P-2s **Milan Ayers** and **Edward McGowen** left for traffic experience at STD.

In DP #8, D-3 **Juan** "Monty" **Montes** retired from detectives to become Mr. Mom. Leaving for new divisions were **Patricia Hauck** off to 77th Division as a D-1, new P-2 **Julie Browne** left us to check out West L.A. Congrats to Harbor upgrades, new Sgt-2s **Dennis Kato** and **Mike Porter**. Welcome to Harbor for new "in" personnel, Sgt-1 **Robert Teramura**, D-2 **Audrey Hook**, and P-3 **Ross Nemeroff**.

Now for DP #9, folks that left: Sgt-1 **Charlie Davis** gone to Jail Division Metro, D-1 **Kathlene McCarthy** off to Juvenile Division, P-3 **Jay Mastic** to South Bureau, new P-2s **Steven Julian** and **Christopher Redrup** headed for Central Traffic Division. Welcome to folks who came in to enjoy C-7 by the beach: D-3 **Charles** "Freeway Therapy" **Markel**, D-1 **Judah Ramirez**, P-3 **Boris** "Gio" **Oliva**, P-3 **Jonathon Pinto**, shiny new P-1s **Robin Downey**, **Jeremy Robles**, and **Ramon Zepeda**. One last quick farewell to a nice guy, **Jeff Kishi**. Good luck to you on your new journey elsewhere. 'nuff said.

Baby Police

At press time this is all I could find out about officers having babies. On family leave with a new bundle of joy each are: Officer **Steve Erickson**, Officer **Frank Bancalari**, Officer **Willem Erkelens**, and Officer **Alma Skefich** with a set of twins! Best wishes to all new parents, especially Officer Erkelens whose baby boy had some complications, but is now home safe and sound.

Getty Museum Adventures

At the risk of spoiling my chances of attending next year, I'm going to mention an event that is absolutely outstanding. Getting on the attendance list is on a first come, first serve basis. I know some of you blue suiters out there are members of the Police Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC). Remember signing the paperwork during your first week of the Academy? On August 20, 2001, a reception was held at the J. Paul Getty Museum for POALAC members and their guests. There was lots of good food, drinks, live entertainment, and exhibits open for your viewing pleasure. Did I mention that this was an event sponsored by the J. PaulGetty Trust, and that it was FREE/GRATIS? Some top brass from PAB, as well as frontline officers were in attendance. I highly recommend attending next year's event. Kudos to POALAC administrator Jan Nichols for organizing an awesome event. I was lucky enough to attend this year and thoroughly enjoyed myself.

In Closing

Sorry if I left anyone out who is retiring, leaving, coming in, going out, climbing up, getting married, and having babies. If you see me in the hallways, detective trailers, or out in the field, stop and let me know what's up. I'll do my best to follow in the "paw" steps of the Alley Cat, squeezing in all I can about Harbor and its happenings. In the meantime, be smart, be sound, be safe, and keep on dancing! ❖

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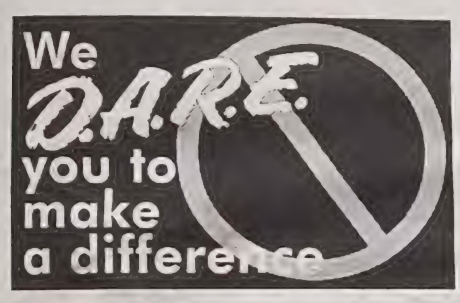
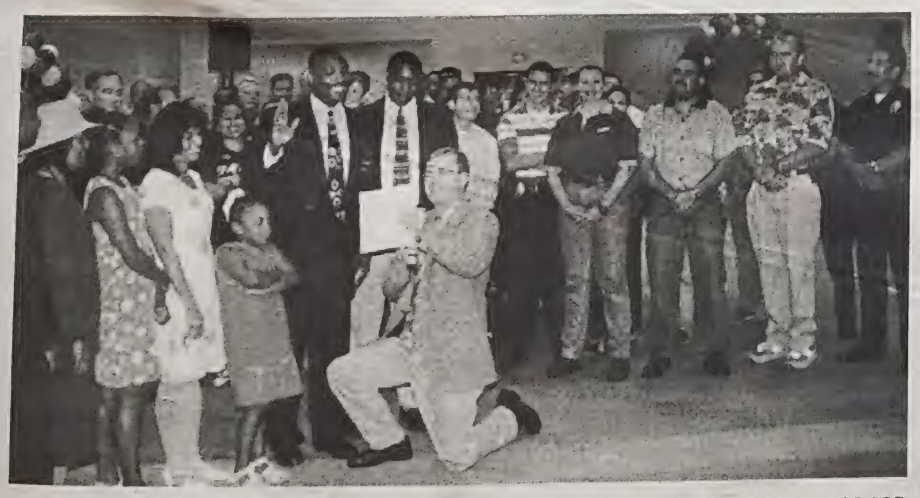


INAUGURATION

Which one is which? Officer Josuel Gooden seen here with his twin brother. Josuel reassured us that he was the better looking of the two.

Captain Perez, Commanding Officer of DARE Division congratulates Officer Gooden at the conference.



P-3 Officer Josuel Gooden, #24918, is sworn into office at the 14th annual NDOA National DARE Officers Conference on August 3, 2001. He is surrounded by his immediate family, Lyndsie Cierra, Cheryl, and his DARE family in the background.

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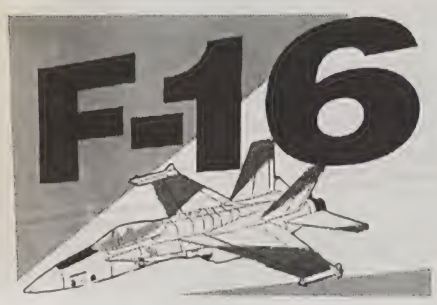


by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On July 25, 2001, Officers **Lamont**, #34286, and **Aluotto**, #34682, responded to a radio call of "211 just occurred at 11065 Arleta AV." The officers met with the victim in front of the location. The victim spoke very little English. The officers were able to obtain a neighbor to translate for them.

The victim was walking on Arleta Ave. south of Brand Blvd., when the victim heard what sounded like a vehicle driving up behind him and stop. The victim turned and observed two males Hispanics exit the vehicle and run toward him. Suspect #1 punched the victim in the face, causing him to fall to the ground. Suspect #1 proceeded to kick the victim and stated "where is your money? You're a chicken; you didn't report me last time." At this time suspect #2 approached the victim and he also proceeded to kick the victim while he was lying on the ground. Suspect #1 searched the victim and removed $200 from his front and pants pockets. Both suspects fled in the vehicle eastbound on Brand Blvd. From Arleta Ave. A third suspect was driving the vehicle.

The victim advised the officers that recognized the voice of suspect #1, and knew him as Juan, he lived on the same street as the suspect. The victim stated he could direct them to the suspect residence. Officers **Lamont** and **Aluotto** requested an additional unit (16x56, **Vannatter**, #31944, and **Weir**, #35779) and conducted a follow up to 11348 El Dorado Street. Officers made contact with the occupants of the residence and detained two possible suspects. A field show up was conducted and the victim identified one of the occupants as Juan and was suspect #1. Suspect #3 was the sister (driver), who stated that her brother was in a fight with the victim, but did not know that they took him money. Suspect #2 was suspect #1's friend who lives down the street, and officers where directed to his location. Officers arrest suspect #2 without incident.

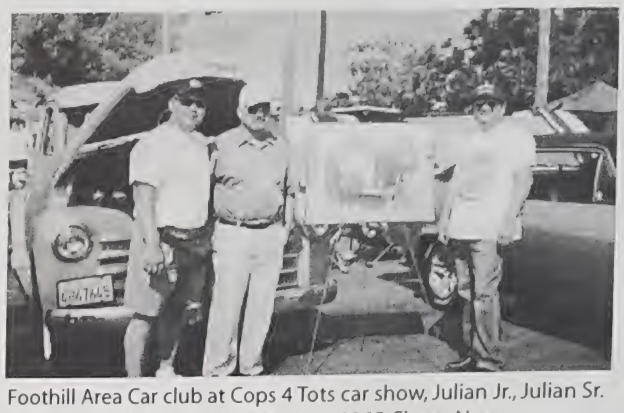
Officers Lamont, Aluotto, Vannatter and Weir should be commended for the outstanding investigation and interrogation skills, dedication to duty, teamwork, communication skills and tactics while arresting two robbery suspects.

Foothill Detectives

Day in and day out while working the division, you see these outstanding detectives hard at work solving the crimes in the area. They are always on the phone talking to victims and filing cases at the courthouse. I would like to welcome back Det. **Eric Jones** from Rampart Division working the Homicide table. I would like to congratulate D-3 **Conrad** on her recent marriage. They are both very happy together and God bless them.

Other parts of the detective tables are the leaders like D-3 **Bishop**, **Hasher**, **Webb**, **Uribe**, and Lt. **Rock** who run a smooth team to keep clear cases every day. Great job. ❖

This is a photo of Foothill Legions involved in a fundraiser motorcycle ride to Mexico.



Foothill Area Car club at Cops 4 Tots car show, Julian Jr., Julian Sr. 1952 Chevy Truck and Joe Martinez 1965 Chevy Nova.

by James Tomeo
Rampart Division

Transfers & Promotions

Sgt. **J. Moya** has traded in his uniform for a suit and is now a Det. I at 77th Division. Sgt. **M. Zych** and Det. II **J. King** are both off to build up the ever-growing Internal Affairs Group as Sgt. IIs. Congratulations to all and good luck in your new assignments. You will be missed. P-3 **E. Dealba** is at MSD now. Good luck. P-2 **M. Marquez** has gone to Central Division to rejoin "Jesus" I presume. Have fun and take it easy on the chilis. P-2 **J. Espinosa**, aka "Espi," has left us and is now surfing the airwaves at Communications Division. Take care down there, Espi. You should be safe. Jones is at MSD now. Take care of that leg. P-2 **G. Ramirez** is also down in the basement at Communications Division. Have fun. I missed a transfer the other month. It was not intentional and I am sorry. **Sheri** (I hope that I spelled it correct), from the Captain's office left us and I forgot to give her a proper sendoff. So good luck, Sheri. We will miss you, and take care of Erin for you.

Sgt. II **K. Tolliver** is at Rampart now as a Det. I from NHWD. Sgt. **L. Daigle** is here from Southwest, and Det. I **J. Sheriff** has returned as a Det. II. P-3 **C. Joh** is here from CED, and P-2 **H. Ayon** from Hollywood. Welcome to you all.

I have a correction from a prior article. I listed **Ron "Topper" Lopez** as a P-2 and he is a P-3, and that is still out for debate. If there are any other corrections or omissions that I may have made in my past articles, feel free to give me a call at the station or e-mail me at jimtomeo@yahoo.com.

We have had a few rough months recently here at Rampart, and I would like to take a moment and thank all those who have helped us to get through these tough times.

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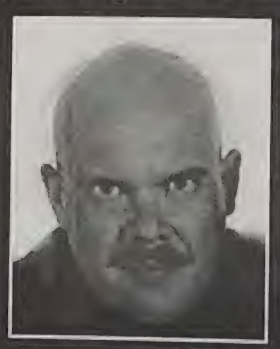

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All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metro Division

My favorite time of the year-again-autumn. Have you ever heard that saying, long time no see? I have too. A few things have happened since June, time does march on. Let's see what I can squeeze into one issue of column space.

Most of you may already know, the 114 Alumni lost a couple of members over the summer. My deepest condolences to the families of **Ralph Gillett** and **Jimmy Steele**. The LAPD family also lost some youth. Sincerest of condolences to the family of Officer **Geno Colello**.

Off The Campaign Trail

Hats off to **Dennis Zine**. Congratulations Councilman. So are the Blue Line photo ops a stealth operation now or what?

Incoming, Sort Of

Welcome back to **Jimmy Ray Hart**, D Team. I told you that you could always come home! In light of the new CEO at 200 North Main Street, Jimmy exited his last duty assignment and has returned to the 41-54 club. Christian, you can relax now, The *Man* of Judo is back! Also back in the saddle again are **Chuck Wohlfeiler** and **Mark Richardson**.

Star Appointments

Where is my Roy Rogers? Congrats to the new squad leaders in alpha order cuz like your seniority just changed, **Damon Aoki** (C), **Mike Cardenas** (C),**John Jenal** (C), **Auston Price** (C) and **Ulysses Gasca** (E).

Outgoing And Other Types Of Departures

Belated congrats to **Leonard Perez** now Sgt I of NOE and **A O'Neill** now Sgt I in Pacific. Leonard, what happened to Bosnia? Best wishes to the 25 out. Always remember, Laura Chick. What do Seattle, WA, Placentia, CA, the Restaurant Guide magazine, HBO, Sony pictures and Country wide have in common? Police Officers formerly known as LAPD. These folks have moved beyond the square soil measurement of our eighteen geographical community police stations to greener pastures. Congratulations to **Mark Tico**, **Mike Minor**, **Randy Andrews** and **Georgie Lopez**. Best wishes for happiness and success in your new endeavors.

Sports' Desk

Congrats to our 2001 Slo-Pitch All-Stars! Our champs, undefeated in the Central League play, commanded attention as they captured the Red Davis Tournament defeating last year's winner, Hollywood with a score of 13-10. Our line-up included, **Phil Smith**, **Jimmy Quinlan** (does P.W. know about this?), **Marcus Gibbons**, **Mike Glenn**, 10C **Tom Jones**, **Mark Aguilar**, **Scott Davis**, **Mike Minor**, **Doug We Ding' Dingman**, **Georgie Lopez**, **Gil Pinel**, **Steve Weaver**, **Alex Baez**, **Burt** 'BB' **Strogatz** (hey I'm just the messenger!) and **John** 'Power Arms' **Marroquin**.

Get Well Wishes

Before I detail the IOD list, a couple of folks require some individual attention. From A pltn, **John Harrison**, at home recuperating from wounds sustained during on OIS in NOE division. John is home recuperating. The suspect spent his last moments as he should have, in a dumpster. Instrumental in completing the proper dispo on this incident was A pltn's 'Double Tap-Ten Ring' **Tuning*DeLa*Holcombe**. In addition to a lively vocational schedule, Yvette walked down the aisle to meet B platoon's **Randy Holcombe** at the altar in July. Nice job Yvette, on both accounts. Congrats to you too, Ranald. 'Power Arms' **Marroquin**, injured while displaying his raw strength as a slugger during the Red Davis championship, is on the road to recovery. Rounding out my speedy recovery wish list is **Keith Bacon**, *Thee* **John Hall**, 30C **Kirk Smith**, **Spackle-man**, **John Tippet**, **Herman Warren**, **John Paul Franklin** the II, **Custis Lawson**, **Big Ben Lopez**, **Toy Beard**, **Steve Scallon**, **Rich Eirich**, **John Morris** and **Steve Beidle**.

Yvette and Randy Holcombe - July 21st, 2001

Off The Injured Reserved List

Welcome back to **Rico Suave** (D), 20Charles **Sgt. George Haines**, **Rick Ksier**, **Rich St. Ludwig**, **Karen Beidle** and **Mark Blizzard**.

Maternity Ward

Congrats to Marcello & Kari **Raffi** on birth of the new baby girl, Jessica Shaye. Jessica weighed in at 6lbs 13 oz. Momma and baby are doing just fine. Over at the Bucklye household, John and wife Jennifer welcomed their new baby boy on the fifth of September. Dennis Houston Buckley is here. Momma is well after delivering Dennis, weighing in at 11 pounds!

Roll Call Training

This week's roll call training is going to be conducted by a C team icon on current politically correct radio terminology. No, no, no he thought as the situation unfolded, not a foot pursuit! He found himself in a situation he hasn't seen since the 70's! During the heat of it all, he went back to the basics while broadcasting the suspect info for responding units. It was quite a Kodak moment.

Until next time, R-10-girl.clear. ❖

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RHD Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The following was provided by Det. **Steve Koman** and Det. **Jim Martin**, Robbery Specials.

Between March 3rd through May 23rd of the year 2001, the city of Los Angeles, along with several neighboring jurisdictions, became the target of what was initially believed to be two armed suspects whose intent was to rob every fast food establishment in Southern California. During this 10-week period, these suspects would be responsible for 45 armed robberies. On March 19th, Det. **Parshall** contacted RHD's Det. **Ray** "Boom Boom" **Hernandez**. Due to the volume of crimes, multiple jurisdictions, and violent nature of the suspects, RHD Robbery Specials Detectives, primarily Koman and Martin, assumed the investigative responsibility of these crimes.

RHD detectives, along with several detectives from various divisions, conducted several stakeouts throughout the city. In addition, the detectives utilized the local media to broadcast video and still photographs of the suspects committing the crimes. The detectives began to receive clues from concerned citizens. At the time detectives now believed that only two suspects were responsible for these crimes. The detectives now concentrated their stakeouts on possible suspect locations.

One of these locations was in the city of Glendale. RHD-Robbery Specials Dets. Koman and **Kwock**, along with Glendale PD, staked out the suspect's residence. The suspect was observed leaving his residence in a vehicle. When an attempt to stop the vehicle was attempted, the suspect chose to flee the area. A lengthy vehicle pursuit terminated with a traffic accident at the intersection of Figueroa and La Loma. The suspect was soon captured after a short foot pursuit.

As this was occurring, RHD Dets. **Giroud** and **Richards** were staking out the second suspect's location. The suspect was seen leaving his residence in his vehicle and also failed to stop when West Valley patrol officers attempted a traffic stop. The suspect, who was armed, began shooting at responding officers. During the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle broke down. As the suspect exited his vehicle, he engaged the pursuing officers in a vicious gun battle during which one of our officers was wounded. The suspect, who was struck several times, succumbed at the scene to his injuries.

A lengthy follow-up investigation, which included search warrants, was then conducted by RHD, which resulted in the identification of a third suspect. This suspect has fled to Mexico, and with the help of LAPD's Foreign Prosecution Unit, an arrest is forthcoming.

We at RHD want to thank the many detectives, including Dets. **Parshall** (Wilshire, **Burndt** (Hollywood), **Khoury** (WLA), **Lopez** (N/E), and **Teague** (No. Hollywood), as well as detectives from SIS, OIS, detectives from the cities of Pasadena, Monrovia, Glendale, Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach and Burbank, as well as the patrol officers from Glendale PD and LAPD/West Valley Area for their outstanding bit of police work. The final moments of this event were broadcast on live television. These fine officers exemplified true professionalism in the face of immminent peril and risked their lives to capture a pair of ruthless bandits.

The case has been presented to DDA Tal Kahann, who in turn filed 41 counts of armed robbery, one count of attempt murder and one count of murder. Great job to all involved.

Welcome to Our Home as Well as See Ya Later

We would like to welcome Lt-II **Carlos Velez**, Rampart, to the Bank Squad. Lt. **Grayson** might be able to get some weekends off now! We would also like to send out a warm welcome to Management Analyst-II **Tere Espinoza**, DSD. A sad goodbye goes out to Management Analyst-II **Pam Davenport** who will be leaving us for the Inspector General's office. Good luck to all of you.

RHD's Family Business

A "get well soon" goes out to retired Lt-II **Donald Foster**. Lt. Foster is at home doing very well as I've been told. Lt. Foster had served the fine citizens of this city from 1950-1998. His last assignment was at RHD's Rape Specials. Hey, lieutenant, did you get one of those "Hire a retired cop" letters? We will always have a spot for you at RHD.

That does it for this month. Don't eat too much candy on the 31st. Remember, only a month-and-a-half left for X-mas shopping. Until next time, BE SAFE. ❖

Whatz Up With Wilshire

by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

Another month has gone by and before you know it 2002 will be here. It's been a very busy summer and I don't only mean in Wilshire but throughout the entire city of Los Angeles. From the ports of Harbor Division to low-lying slopes of Foothill Division. All of us have been cited with an impossible task of attempting to keep over three million people out of harm's way. Although many of us have stuck it out and stayed together, many of our partners have left. We can sum it up in one word, perseverance. Many have achieved great things and many of us are awaiting change in this time of uncertainty. One thing remains the same—no matter where you go in this country or for that matter around the world, this still is the most respected department.

In mid-July some of our strengths were displayed right here in Wilshire Division when a multi-agency task force was formed between Wilshire's gang unit, career criminal unit, bicycle unit, Wilshire Patrol, and the probation and parole department. During this event a series of searches were conducted on outstanding parolee's at large and persons on probation. Because the number of persons in Wilshire being on probation or parole, we recruited the assistance of Pacific and West L.A. Divisions. During a 48-hour sweep, numerous persons on probation and parole were arrested for various violations. Multiple guns and various illegal and illicit drugs were seized from those probationers and parolees. Everyone who participated is to be commended on a job well done. Especially the gang units from Wilshire, Pacific and West L.A. What is most important is that nobody was injured during the 48-hour sweep.

I would also like to commend the entire Wilshire AM Watch. On a single evening in mid-August, AM watch officers arrested five different code 37 suspects. These were all rollers. Somebody wasn't kidding around about getting their 10851 VC pin. Good job to the entire Wilshire AM watch for DP 8.

Sports

In the middle of August, officers from Wilshire Division were involved in the Police Olympics held in the city of San Jose. We had several officers place in several different events. We would like to take the time to congratulate Officer **Breslin** for taking the Silver in the downhill mountain bike race. Officer **Gaxiola**, #35056, took Gold in the biathlon and Silver in boxing. I am sure other Wilshire officers placed in the games, but they are just too modest to come and tell me. I will find out though, and you will be recognized.

Arrivals

Welcome to the following personnel who will be joining the Wilshire family as follows: Det-1 **Jones**, #30437, coming to us from SW, Lt. **Ruiz**, #25584, coming in from WB, Officer **Green**, #30948, no relation to **Pam Green**, coming from WLA. Officer **Loo**, #35165, is coming from DEV, Officer **Diaz**, #35604, is coming from Newton, and Officer **Harris** is in from TD-REC.

Departures

Lt. **Monsue** is leaving us after doing his tour with Wilshire for numerous years. Good luck to you, sir. Now to one of the best sergeants that has passed through Wilshire. This is a fair and good person and he will be missed at Wilshire. Sgt. **Bratcher** will be going to JD-MET. Det-2 **Young**, #25859, will be going to SE, Det. **Grubbs**, #24090, will be off to NHWD, and Officer **Porche** will be leaving for WLA.

(From left to right) Sgt. La Brada, Officer Campos, Officer Breslin, Officer Helper, Officer Osborne, Officer Ciuffetelli, Officer Gregson and Captain Albanese.

Well, that about wraps it up for the month of August. It was a hot one towards the end. We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Officer **Morales** who broke his hand taking a 415/attempt 187 suspect into custody during the last weekend of August. Take your time and heal well. We are all pulling for ya. It's time for my vacation now so I will catch you on the flip side when I come back from the East Coast. Be safe out there and take care of each other.

P.S., See attached photo regarding L.A. City Council Commendation for Wilshire Bike Detail for their efforts in fighting crime. ❖

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Pacific Division

Fallen Hero

I'd like to begin this article by paying tribute to slain Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy **Jake Kuredjian**. When an officer (from another department) is killed in the line of duty, most of us don't know anything about them, other than what we've heard from friends, neighbors, and co-workers who've been interviewed by the media. And we've heard quite a few wonderful things about Jake. Well, I'd like to add to that list. I knew Jake many years ago, before I was an officer. He always had a smile on his face and a nice word to say. He was fun, lighthearted, and a little bit crazy (but serious when need be). I remember him being part of the "Code Three for Kids" event put on by Deputies from the Lost Hills/Malibu Station. He and everyone else had so much fun working as a team and competing against other law enforcement agencies in the area. They raced tricycles around the track, ran through obstacle courses, and jousted one another off a platform. All to raise money for children. Jake will fondly be remembered by many people: for being a good cop, for being a great co-worker, for being a wonderful person. I will remember him for being a friend. God bless!

Commendable Caper

On August 18th, Officer **Elliot King** was conducting extra patrol in an area plagued by Burglary From Motor Vehicles. Officer King observed a (possible) suspect in the area, who matched the description of a suspect from a crime work sheet. The suspect was evasive and lied to Elliot when he questioned him. During a cursory search for weapons, Elliot recovered a wrench, scissors, pliers, a flashlight, a razor knife, and a multi-functional tool. Due to training Elliot had received from Burglary Detectives regarding "burglary tools," the suspect was transported to the station for a follow-up investigation. During Elliot's investigation, it was determined that the suspect had multiple outstanding warrants. He was then booked for 466 P.C., in addition to his warrants. Great job by Elliot for observation, attention to duty, and investigation. It pays to check out those crime work sheets.

Open House/Cell Phone Donation

On Saturday, October 13, Pacific Area is holding its 12th Annual Open House from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m., and is open to anyone interested. This year's event is being held in conjunction with Chief Bernard Park's "Stop the Violence" campaign and Mayor James Hahn's "Make a Difference L.A." campaign. We are asking area residents (or any supporter) to donate their old cell phones to help victims of domestic violence. The donated phones will be rewired by cellular telephone manufacturers and programmed with emergency numbers, which will provide immediate access to help in dangerous situations. Various domestic violence groups will distribute the phones to families at risk, and members of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association will provide free airtime. Here's an opportunity to turn your unused cell phone into a lifeline to victims in need. There will be station tours conducted throughout the day, as well as several displays to check out: K-9 Unit, Bomb Squad, Dive Team, Recruitment Section, West Traffic Division, Life Guards, Fire Department, Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department, Pacific Area Boosters, Sojourn, DeDe Hirsh's Mental Health Center, and many more! There will be plenty to eat, and the admission is FREE! Hope to see you here, with phone in hand!

Halloween Haunt

Yes, we are planning our Annual Halloween Haunt for Wednesday, October 31st. If you attend every year, you are well aware of the normally huge turnout. If you've never been…you have to come check it out. It is a safe environment for the kids, who will receive candy donated by local grocery stores, and other local businesses. There will be many amazing sights, surprises, sounds, and scares…so beware! If you have any questions, please contact the Community Relations Office at (310) 202-4525.

New Arrivals

Congratulations goes out to Reserve Officer **Nancy Olah** and husband Andrew had recently had a baby girl "Katherine Olah" on August 15th. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also goes out to Reserve Officer **Amanda Chapman** who recently welcomed five-year-old Destiny Diane Chapman into her home. Congratulations on your new family members, and beset of luck to you all!

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to Sgts. **Kathy Fontanetta** and **Barrist** who both promoted to Sgt. II at IAG. We also congratulate Det. **Rich Guzman** who came back to Pacific (from 77th) promoting to a D-2, and P-3 **Romine** who came to Pacific (from SE) promoting to D-1.

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific: Sgt. **Silverstein** who came over from EODD, Officer **Ceasar Mata** who came (back) from HRB, P-1s **Aceves**, **Brinker**, **Green**, and **Hays** in from Training, and Clerk Typist **Maria Sayoto** over from FCD.

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to Officers **Debbie Lewis** and **Brian Anthony** who recently left us for WVAL. Hope it doesn't get too hot out there for ya!! You're gonna miss this nice ocean breeze… ❖

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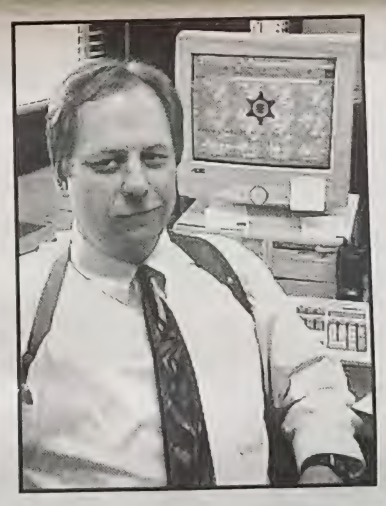
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

the Bird's Eye View

by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

ASD Golfers

ASD had a foursome play in the Hollenbeck Boosters Steve Gajda Memorial Golf Tournament in California Country Club. **Deb Kickbush**, **Jerry Camporrendo**, **Lou Peake**, and **Wayne Bob Oatis** participated in this benefit event. Thanks for representing ASD.

Bob Bassett

Recently nine ASD personnel traveled north to San Andreas CA to attend the retirement of **Bob Bassett** from the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department. Bob was a Tactical Flight Officer at ASD before he retired from the department. He is now receiving treatment for a brain tumor, which has forced his retirement from the sheriff's department. Each deputy in Calaveras County gave a week of vacation to Bob so he could delay his retirement as long as possible. **Mark Smith**, **Mel Stevenson**, **Lou Peake**, **Rick Alatorre**, **John Onyshko**, **Ken Philippe**, **Angela Krieg**, **Paul Holmen**, and **Dave Avila** all attended the retirement/barbecue/benefit for Bob at Mountain Ranch Park. Bob can be contacted through the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department at 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

Class of 11-83 at ASD picnic. L-R: Jack Schonely, former Newton Officer Sgt. Dave Van Dieman from Modesto P.D., Butch Stowell.

Pilot List

The oral interviews are complete and the list is finalized. The only thing to do now is congratulate the top two candidates. Congratulations to **Mark Bolanos** and **Kris Owen** who will enter command pilot training later this year. Now that the easy part is over, they can prepare to study day and night and learn to fly a Jet Ranger. Both are up to the challenge and anxious to get started.

ASD Personel visit with retired TFO Bob Bassett.

ASD Tip of the Month

As we continue to struggle with the new digital radio system, it is more important than ever to be very disciplined on our radio traffic.

Communication is the key to many tactical situations and this has been difficult and sometimes impossible in recent months. ASD is taking this situation very seriously and we are documenting all the problems that we encounter. Simplex is very inconsistent in all divisions so be sure and broadcast only when you have vital info on a tactical operation. We are still using ASTRO radios for digital transmissions so please be patient with us when switching to simplex or a TAC frequency. What used to be a flip of a switch now requires us to punch in a separate frequency. We will continue to strive to provide all of you with the best service possible despite the radio system problems. Always watch your six. ❖

WTD Westside Story

by Allan Rabina
West Traffic Division

The overcast skies coming from the Pacific Ocean are telling me that summer is quickly fading. Those of us working this side of town will be changing our coffee orders from iced frapuccinos to hot café mochas. It's certainly rough working this side of town.

With the end of summer comes the flowering of summer love. Among those who tied the knot this summer are **Phil** and **Angel Carr**, **Kelly Reed** and **James Muniz** (Rampart) and **Shands McCoy** and his lovely bride. Kelly Reed first met her husband when she was an explorer at Rampart, and the love has blossomed ever since. (Just kidding...please don't call IA.)

A belated congratulations goes to P3+1 Officer **Joe Apodoca**. Joe pulled the pin after 29+ years of service for the LAPD. Thanks for your service to the citizens of Los Angeles, Joe. Good luck and a long, healthy retirement, Joe. Now that you're gone, the CI officers will have to focus all of their desk vandalism on **Skip Masline**'s desk. **George Bowens** took over Joe's spot and is now the newest 3+1 in CIFU. Congratulations, George! I'm still waiting for the black and tans.

Sal "Martha Stewart" **Jaramillo** has traded in his measuremeter for a glass of beer and unlimited lap dances. Sal left WTD and took a Vice spot in Devonshire. Good luck, Sal. Sal working Vice is like an arsonist working at a gas station. Just kidding, Sal. Now that Sal is gone, there is no one to plan our Christmas party (thus the Martha Stewart title).

Pat Delaney left his P-3 auditor sot and came back to the field. Within a week of coming back to the field, Pat was flagged down by a citizen who advised him that a hit and run suspect was fleeing from the scene of a t/c. Pat made a couple of quick turns and found the suspect entering the e/b 101 Fwy at La Cienega. Pat attempted to initiated a traffic stop, but the suspect proceeded to flee forcing Pat to initiate a pursuit. Wilshire officers took over the pursuit, handing it over to the CHP, who then handed it over to Inglewood PD, who, in turn, handed it back to Wilshire. Wilshire eventually took the suspect into custody without incident and cleaned up the big mess. The pursuit showed that Pat hasn't lost his touch for CI. He created a big mess and let Patrol clean it up. Good job, Pat.

Speaking of pursuits, our own **Raydale** "L.A. Ray" **Jeter** got himself involved in one. Ray was working the newly formed QL unit when he observed a violator fail to stop for a red light on Venice Blvd. Ray attempted to stop the violator, but the violator had something else on his mind, like running from L.A. Ray and the Po-Leece. Ray zig-zagged the streets of mid-city Los Angeles for a couple of minutes and took his dance onto the 10 Fwy. **Albert** "the Chief" **Martinez**, also assigned to the QL unit, along with Wilshire officers, were able to take the suspect into custody after his vehicle became stuck in rush hour traffic. Ray booked him for a C6 Chuck warrant as well as Felony Evading and DUI. Don't ever run from L.A. Ray!!

WTD reports no lateral transfers to other departments this month. Maybe next month.

Finally, best wishes go to Sgt. **Chris Kunz**. Sgt. Kunz was involved in a t/c with his city motor while on his ride-alongs with TCS. Luckily he received only minor injuries and is on vacation as of this writing. We got a big tube of Neosporin waiting for you when you come back, Sarge.

I close the article with a quote from the venerable **Steve Slinsky**: "Life is better on a city motor. You should really try to get one, buddy." ❖

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Devonshire 17

by Chapin & Cueto
Devonshire Division

Senior Lead Officer Nabs Attempt Murder Suspect

On July 28, 2001, Senior Lead Officer **Don Graham**, #32365, was meeting with four building and safety employees prior to conducting an illegal vendor sweep in the area of Van Nuys Blvd. And Chase Street. They were having a bite to eat before their special detail, when Officer Graham heard a broadcast of an "ADW ambulance cutting at 8300 Lennox Ave." The victim had sustained a severe laceration to his stomach and a suspect description was provided.

The location of the call was just outside the establishment where Officer Graham and the building and safety employees were having lunch. Officer Graham walked outside to the parking lot to investigate. As he walked to the parking lot, he heard another broadcast that the friends of the victim were returning to the location to meet the police to direct them to the suspect.

Officer Graham then observed a man fitting the description of the possible suspect. He approached the man and asked him if he'd been standing there long. As this conversation was taking place, the victim's friends arrived and yelled out that the man was indeed the suspect. Graham told the man to turn around and put his hands on his head. The man complied; however, instead of placing his hands on his head, he ran westbound from the location.

A short foot pursuit ensued, until the suspect ran out of steam and gave up. While running, he dropped a knife. The suspect, Pereto Brown, was taken into custody without further incident and the knife was recovered.

The investigation revealed that the suspect cut the victim after they argued about someone "messing" around with the suspect water. The crime occurred inside the victim's vehicle, and the entire crime scene was contained therein. The total time between the crime and when the suspect was arrested and the weapon was recovered was a mere 15 minutes. Good job!

Dive Bomber

Senior Lead Officer **Adrian Torres** was traveling eastbound on Plummer when a good size pigeon hit the side of the shop, spun into the vehicle striking Torres in the head (Torres at this point thought he was the victim of sniper fire). The bird then landed on the passenger floorboard in full cardiac arrest. Tweety was DOA upon supervision's arrival.

Further investigation revealed Tweety might have been DUI or on a suicide mission. Residence in the area of the occurrence were very supportive and volunteered to give Tweety a proper burial.

Supervisors advised Torres to complete a 15.7, just in case Tweety had lice or some other disease.

Efforts to Encourage Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Enforcement is emphasized by all supervisors at roll calls and by commanding officers at the new employee orientation meetings, during roll calls and at supervisor meetings. Devonshire Area officers have responded to this emphasis in a truly outstanding manner. As of DP #62001, moving citations were up a significant 70.2% over 2000. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Stop the Violence Block Party Proves Successful

On July 7, 2001, Devonshire Area's first Stop the Violence block party was held at the Sepulveda Recreation Center. Approximately 1,000 community members joined officers in a day dedicated to taking back the community from the criminal element. The event was very successful and helped to foster a better relationship between the community and the police.

Welcome Back

We want to welcome back a few officers who have been feeling a little under the weather until now: Officers **Amby Owens**, #21773, **Mark Jedlicka**, #24338, **Dario Delcore**, #27286, **Benard Funck**, #23546, **Max Allstot**, #30864, and SGT. II **James Myers**, #16367.

Babies

Congratulations to Officer **Ernst Fisco**, #35212, and his wife Donna on their new arrival, Christian Nino Fisco, born August 3, 2001, at 7:59 a.m.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Lt. II **Ivan Minsal**, #22779, Det. I **Craig Sacha**, #27729, P-3 **Eleanor Hill**, #28801, P-3 **Robert Collier**, #32058, P-3 **Salvador Jaramillo**, #22925, P-2 **Robert Norman**, #31844.

Congratulations to Lt. II **Robert Edgar**, #26553, moving out to Transit Service Section. Sad goodbyes to Sgt. II **Joe Losorelli**, #24205, leaving us for Internal Affairs Group. Congratulations to Det. I **Paul Chambers**, #33097, heading to West L.A. Fond farewells to Officer **Anderson Boyce**, #26281, making P-3 at VTD Motors. Bye bye to Officer **J. Kim**, #34229, walking the walk at Hollywood. So long to Officer **Andrew Thompson**, #35622, moving next door to Van Nuys. Farewell to

Officer **Benjamin Loo**, #35165, going off to Wilshire Division. And last, but not least, sad goodbyes to civilian worker **Sandra Perez**, #V8318.

Remember to everybody who has left, Devonshire will always be home. ❖

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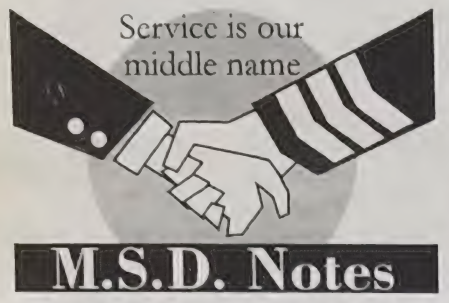

M.S.D. Notes

by Dollie Swanson
Management Services Division

We're all winners here at MSD, but some of us actually "hold the gold" to prove it. P-III **Craig Valenzuela** and other members of the Department's baseball team took top honors in the 2001 California Police and Fire Olympics, held this year in San Jose. Led by the stellar pitching efforts of Valenzuela, the Centurions beat out eight other teams to take the gold. Double kudos go to Craig for arranging MSD night at Dodger Stadium, which was a huge success and a lot of fun. For more on the life and loves of Craig Valenzuela, go to http://www.it'sal-laboutme.org (just kidding, Craig).

The entire PADS supervisorial staff attended the Aug. 31 game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals: Sgt.-IIs **Brian Raffish**, **Trish Milewski** and **Bob Arcos**. P-III **Sean Parker** came with his wife, Nina, who was quite pleasant, proving once and for all that opposites really do attract. P-III **Candace Daymen** bought tickets for her entire crew, and got as far as Dodger stadium parking lot before realizing she forgot her tickets in San Fernando Valley. Former PADS helmsman Captain **John Sherman** was able to attend with his son, Andrew, and a family friend named Danny, who kept my 2-year-old daughter enthralled for the first three innings. Thank you, Andrew and Danny!

The tang of starch and shoe polish marked MSD's annual uniform inspection, conducted recently in front of PAB under the scrutiny of none other than Chief **Mike Bostic**. Other than a surprise driver's license inspection and the chasm-size rip in the trousers of P-III **Troy Abordo**, there were few surprises. Sgt.-II **Kris Kenney** coordinated the effort, but was unable to play dress-up due to her attendance at Watch Commander school. Kenney told me she felt terrible for missing the inspection, by the way.

Over at Admin. Group, word has it that Cmdr. **Dan Koenig** may spend part of his vacation in Paris, France, celebrating his 32nd wedding anniversary. Upon his return, Kris Kenney was scheduled to vacation in New York with Broadway actor Catherine Fries (a relative of actor Helen Hunt), who it turns out was school chums with Kenney.

After a series of tragi-comedic like errors, the 2001 Department Manuals are finally in. On the day they were set to arrive, P-III **Bill Kelly** called to check on their status and found out they were still in storage boxes in Minnesota. Then the printing company forgot to include the CD-ROMs. When they finally included the CD-ROMs, they forgot to include the instructions for using the CD-ROMs.

Happy birthday to all the staffers celebrating birthdays last month, including Lt-II **Nancy Lauer**, who blew out the candles on her 39th birthday cake. Lauer, the OIC for Special Projects Section, was inadvertently left off my list of promotables last month, and it was a big oversight. A 16-year Department veteran, she is on the captain's list (Band 7) and could be donning on a pair of bars within the next six months. The thing that strikes me about Lt. Lauer is that she always seems to have everything under control, a real "voice of reason" type. Not a bad attribute if you're going to be part of the command staff. Greetings to the new kids on the block, P-IIIs **Ernie De Alba** and **Oris Pace**.

Sabrina Danielle Andersen - 7 lbs. 14 oz. Born July 05, 2001 23:38 hrs.

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TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos. Summer of 2001 is history and now kids are back in school. The next major decision to be made is choosing your Halloween costume for October 31st.

A Department Legend Retires

Let's think back for a moment. What were you doing during the hot summer of 1971? I know for many, life had not even begun. Well, there was a brand spanking new group of young, motivated, idealistic people who reported to the Elysian Park Police Academy on July 12, 1971, to commence their crime fighting careers. They were willing to be yelled at, challenged academically and physically, and put up with being at the bottom of the Department food chain for a short time to be able to have the finest badge placed on their chest. One member of this class went on to have a remarkable 30-year law enforcement career. His name is **William Whittaker**. He finished his career holding the rank of Det. III overseeing the Detective Unit at South Traffic Division. Detective Bill Whittaker is one we should all take note of. It is well known that Bill had a very successful career primarily in a detective role solving all manner of crimes. Many criminals had the unfortunate experience of having Detective Whittaker investigating their misdeed which usually led to their free housing at the Gray Bar Hotel. LAPD has had and currently has many of the finest detectives working cases in the country. However, Bill was able to balance the great demands of the department with the equally challenging job of raising successful children who have become mature and responsible adults. I believe this is the true mark of a successful person. Additionally, Bill would easily befriend you should you cross his path. You would be a close pal if you shared his passion for surfing. Although Bill said thanks to his current and past co-workers for their service with him, I believe it is we who should be giving the greater thanks to Det. Bill Whittaker for the privileged of serving with him. Thanks, Bill. We send you and your family good health, many happy trails, and at least 30 years of retirement complements the city.

Det. Bill Whittaker before and after.

Captain Morris Smith and Detective Bill Whittaker.

Friends and colleagues of Detective Bill Whittaker.

Heroic Deeds

I would like to relate to y'all the heroic deeds of one Los Angeles police officer. Motor cops sometimes receive bad raps for being "bucket heads" or maybe not the sharpest knife in the drawer. Well, we must commend motor officer **Wilfred Luke** for his heroic deeds. The words heroic deeds are not used loosely here. Just before the Labor Day weekend, Officer Luke was home in the morning hours. A knock at his door was opened to a frantic neighbor who needed help at her house across the street. Officer Luke ran to her residence into the backyard and in the swimming pool were two young children face down at the bottom of the deep end. Without hesitation, Officer Luke dove in to retrieve the first child. Then he dove back in and retrieved the second child. While awaiting paramedics, Officer Luke provided first aid to both children until being relieved by the fire department. Officer Luke quick and decisive actions exemplifies the type of person and police officer he is. Kudos and salutations to you, Officer Luke.

Welcome and Adios

South Traffic Division would like to welcome the following new officers: **K. Lee** from West Traffic Division and **M. Basaker** from Central Traffic Division. We congratulate these two officers on becoming new BCMCs. Leaving South Traffic to become a motor officer at Central Traffic Division is Officer **Donald Estrada**. Officer Estrada leaving South Traffic is not fair because we no longer have someone who can repair any car made by mankind. We can only hope for Officer Estrada's speedy return to South Traffic. Finally, congratulations to Sgt. **Steve Smith** on successfully completing Motor School and is now assigned to South Traffic Division as a Motor Sergeant.

Adios

As always, you are encouraged to keep in contact with our brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured. Motors, keep the rubber side down and C.I., keep the light bar off of the pavement.

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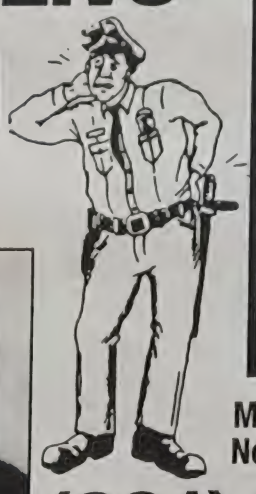

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BODY BUILDING

Central Officer Consecutively Takes the Gold and the "Overall" in the Men's Body Building Police Olympics

Officer **Rick Kellogg** from Central competed last year in the 2000 Police Olympics-Men's Body Building Competition in Ontario, California, and took the gold in the Men's Light-Heavy Division and claimed the gold in the overall. Kellogg returned this year to the 2001 Police Olympics in San Jose, Calif. To reclaim his victory. Weighing in at a solid 192 lbs., Kellogg again took 1st place in the Men's Light-Heavy Division and claimed the gold in the overall resulting in two gold medals.

"Body Building is competitive, a science, and most importantly a lifestyle," says Rick Kellogg. "I have been seriously body building for the past six years when I was hired on with the Department. Everyone finds a niche at what they do best. I was never a football, basketball, or baseball player, but took a passion for fitness and health. It was after Kellogg hired a personal fitness instructor several years ago that taught him the proper dieting, nutrition, and most importantly the training involved. My training consists of five to six days a week ranging from two to two-and-a-half hours a day depending on the exercise. My intake of protein is measured, which usually ranges between 300 to 400 grams a day. I rarely watch TV (except for Discovery Channel), drink alcohol or go out to nightclubs. I have a tight schedule that allows little or no leisure time.

"If you want to be the best, this sport like any other, requires a great amount of discipline and energy. People often ask me how they can lose weight or get in shape for the summer. After giving them a brief introduction on the protocol and some minor sacrifices involved, they lose interest mainly due to impatience. I try to promote fitness and exercise in the workplace. Being a body builder is not the concept, but having some regimented workout or exercise is vital for our line of work. If you are going to work out for 45 minutes, then make it count and keep the socializing to a minimum. I often train with the heaviest weight possible, utilizing strict form. I also see many folks just going through the motions and then ask me why they are not achieving results. Consistency and perseverance will surely gain your desired goal, which will not occur overnight. A good diet also ties in to the fitness factor. You should stay off the grease because not only will it make you overweight, it is also dangerous for your health."

Aside from body building, Kellogg is currently assigned to Central Day Watch Patrol as a Field Training Officer. He is an active DRE and has recently completed the required training for DRE instructor. Kellogg is also fluent in computers and is currently enrolled in a computer software course as a Web site designer to pursue his degree in Computer Information Technology. One of Kellogg's future plans is to compete in the 2002 Police Olympics that will be held in Santa Ana, Calif. Good luck and see you all there!

LAPD ROLLER HOCKEY

(Team 1, right to left, beginning with back row) Tim Surrette, John Knighton, Mike Fletcher, Steve Much, Adam O'Neil, Frank Kenny, Coach John Vach, Sr., Kevin Gallegher, Jason Schwab, Chris Mason.

(Team 2, right to left, back row first) Coach John Vach, Sr., Kent Lau, John Vach, Jr., Ryan Moreno, Greg Gonzalez, Jeff Vach, Brian McClary, Russ Carr, Kim Kempton, Dave Knighton, Jeff Quinlan.

(Team 1 won the Gold and Team 2 won the Bronze)

Both teams together after playing each other in the tournament.

(Team 1 and Team 2 together, right to left, back row first) Greg Gonzalez, John Knighton, Ryan Moreno, Dave Knighton, Brian McClary, Adam O'Neil, Kim Kempton, Frank Kenny, John Vach, Jr. Mike Fletcher, Russ Carr, Tim Surrette, Coach John Vach, Sr., Steve Much, Jeff Quinlan, Jason Schwab, Kevin Gallagher, Kent Lau, Chris Mason.

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CALIFORNIA POLICE & FIRE GAMES
NEVADA POLICE & FIRE GAMES

California/Nevada Games Roundup

Once again individuals and teams representing the Los Angeles Police Department dominated competition at the California Police/Fire Games in San Jose and the Nevada Police Games in Las Vegas. In addition to a gold medal by the LAPD Centurions baseball team and 76 medals accumulated by the Trap and Skeet Team (see separate articles) we have the following reports.

Bench Press Old-Timers Wow Youngsters

By Tom Vigen

Three members of the infamous "Over-the-Hill Gang" bench press team struck Gold at the California Police and Fire Games. Bringing home Gold Medals were **Rex Shields**, age 60-64, 275 lbs. group (with a lift of 330 lbs.), **Tom Vigen** in the age 60-64, 198 lbs. group (with a lift of 352 lbs.), and **Sam Colella** in the age 65+, 220 lbs. group (with a lift of 281 lbs.).

Vigen's lift tied the World Association of Benchers and Dead Lifters (WABDL) age 61-67, 198 lbs. world record and all three set new Police & Fire Games Records. The "Over-the-Hill Gang" wishes to thank its original sponsor, Viagra, for its uplifting support and its new sponsor, Depends, for bladder control between lifts.

The "Over-the-Hill" Gang - Tom Vigen, Sam Collela, Rex Shields. Photo courtesy of Jeanne Vigen.

Grand Master Golfers Win Gold

The LAPD Grand Master Golf Team of **Ray Gomez** and **David Jones** (both hailing from Narcotics Division) captured a silver medal at the California Police/Fire Games. After three rounds over three days on very tough courses, they finished with a net of 13 under. The home-town duffers from San Jose Police won the Gold with a net of 21 under. Gomez and Jones have competed together for the last six years and this is the second time they have won a silver at the California Games.

Anderson Knew When to Hold 'em

Van Nuys Sgt. **Paul Anderson** outlasted 54 other participants to win the Nevada Games Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament held at the Gold Coast Casino. (Yup, poker is an officially sanctioned event across the border!) Each player antes up a $125 buy-in for 500 chips and can ante up $50 more for another 500 chips. After that, it's all skill and determination.

Anderson's pair of kings was enough to beat the other holdout (from the Orange County D.A.'s office) and win the progressive pot of approximately $2,700. This was his second year of competition, finishing in the middle of the pack in 2000. (Our thanks to retiree **Bob Plassmeyer** for the head's up.) ❖

Centurions Win Baseball Gold Medal

by Tim Moss

A year ago I was talking to **Mike Scott** about the old LAPD Baseball League. We spoke about how much fun it was and how talented the officers were. When we heard the 2001 California Police/Fire Games in San Jose was going to introduce baseball as a new sport, I told Mike if he got the players I'd manage the team.

Mike distributed flyers and advertised in The Thin Blue Line. We couldn't believe the response! A practice session was set and some very talented players showed up: **Jon Bailey**, **Cesar Corona**, **Juan Galvan**, **Tim Jenneman**, **Martin Majarro**, **Nick Nememeck**, **Warren Porche**, **Chad Reuser**, **Luis Santiago**, **Tony Valedez** and **Tim Walia** were among the original group.

Along the way we picked up some incredible players like **Freddy Aleman**, **Lou Cabrera**, **Jaime Chacon**, **Rich Estevez**, **Cesar Gomez**, **Tony Ochoa**, **Fernando Rivas**, **Steve Roussel**, **Will Skett** and **Craig Valenzuela**. What made us a complete and competitive team was acquisition of our outstanding middle infielders, **Nate Baez** and **Brian Eldridge**. They are by far the best double play team seen in the leagues and tournaments we have played.

The 2001 California Games were no exception. Eldridge and Baez connected for six double plays in seven games. Although the pitching and fielding were outstanding, it was our hitting strength that took us to the Gold. Players like Eldridge hit .579 with six singles, three doubles and two homers. Skett batted .688 with four singles, four doubles, a triple and two home runs. The player who was on fire and ignited our team was Baez who hit .667 with eight singles, five doubles and a triple. Scott and Santiago also hit homers giving us the most round-trippers of any team in the tournament. Jenneman and Chacon pitched outstanding and there were excellent appearances by Cabrera and Valenzuela. The top pitcher of the tournament was Corona who won one game in relief and had two complete games, including the Gold medal one.

LAPD Centurions Baseball Team — Winners of 2001 California Police/Fire Games Gold Medal.

Working with these outstanding officers over the past year has been the greatest experience of my career. My only wish is that they continue the tradition of baseball within our ranks. Special thanks go to **Ernie Fischer** for his time, energy, outstanding coaching talents and selfless dedication to the team; and to Walia, a great player and coach, for his time and significant contribution to the team. ❖

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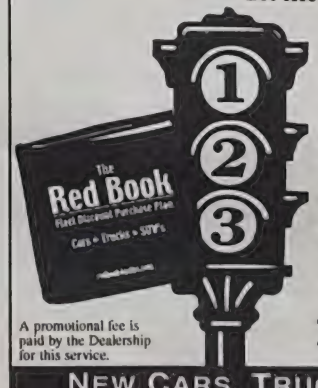

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LAPD Women's Basketball Reclaim Gold In Nevada

One week after the gold medal performance in the California Police and Fire Games, part of the LAPD Women's Basketball Team traveled to the Nevada Police and Fire Games to complete in the 3-on-3 competition. The team tore up the field beating each team in Las Vegas with their quickness, skill, and 3-point accuracy. **Biggs** again led all scoring with an average of 19 points per game with **Rogers** not too far behind. **Shari** and Rogers had a great year this year and have been a big part of the team both offensively and defensively. **Frial's** presence on the court was a big factor with her energetic style of play and key assists. The LAPD Women picked up their third gold medal this year defeating all the competition in the Nevada games. Congratulations.

LAPD Women's Basketball Perfect in CPFG

In August, 2001, the LAPD Women's Basketball Team traveled to San Jose to complete in the 2001 California Police and Fire Summer Games (5-on-5). The competition was better than it has been in the last 13 years. The LAPD Women trained hard and were in better physical condition than any of their opponents. After losing out on the gold medal for the past three years, it was once again LAPD time to shine. The first game of the tournament was against Northern California Combo who was the toughest team in the tournament. A game thriller last second 3-point shot by **Crump** won the game, and then there was no looking back. Behind the outstanding play of center Shari Biggs and the precision shooting of Leslee Rogers, he LAPD women proceeded to beat U.S. Customs, L.A. Sheriff's Department, California Department Corrections, and again Northern California Combo for the gold medal. Biggs led all scoring with an average of 21 points per game, followed by Rogers 18 and Crump 17. Everyone contributed in the outstanding defensive effort, which opened up the running game for the cagers. The aggressive play by Frial and **Smith** contributed greatly to our transition points. Job well done and well deserved by all. A special thanks to coaches **Charlie Perry** and Gary Crump for their time and support.

Team members, CPFG: Brenda Crump, Sharon Biggs, **Honour Henry**, **Bonita Williams**, Brenda Crump, Leslee Rogers, Marissa Frial, **Irene Kohler**, **Hysin-Yi Lo**, **Sherrone Dill**, Jody Smith, Coach **Charles Perry**, and Assistant Coach Gary Crump. ❖

Photo team members (3-on-3): (left to right) Marissa Frial, Brenda Crump, Shari Biggs, Leslee Rogers, Hsin-Yi Lo.

Trap & Skeet Team Cops 76 Medals

by Jimmy L. Trahin

The LAPD Trap and Skeet Team dominated competition at both the California and Nevada Police/Fire Games. Below are accounts of both events.

Claybirds Drop Like Flies at California Games

Shooting was a challenge with the San Jose heat and blowing wind causing those nasty claybirds to fly extremely erratic. Those adverse conditions, however, did not permit those little buggers to escape the vengeance of the LAPD Trap and Skeet Team shotguns. The five-man team (**Greg Dewitt**, **Vic Elliott**, **Dave Herrick**, **Bill Page** and yours truly) shot six events in four days to put a final end to the life of those once perfectly round claybirds that were now relegated to just fragments and dust on the ground.

We took three bronze medals in skeet, skeet doubles, and 16 yd. trap, while capturing fourth in 21 yd. trap. A very impressive Herrick took six individual medals in the shooting events with three of them consisting of that beautiful gold hue. Other individual medals went to Dewitt (2), Elliott, and **Trahin** (3).

The team walked away with a total of 32 medals for LAPD, which "ain't bad." The finale included a victory celebration feat at a local BBQ eatery that had everyone as plump as a Farmer John hog for the return trip home.

Team is Mean and Lean in Evil and Sinful Nevada Heat

For what possible reason would a rational human being put himself through severe torture involving 100 degree plus temperatures, blowing sandstorms and possible acute dehydration for the opportunity of shooting inanimate objects? Because the LAPD Trap and Skeet Team loves a challenge and failure is not an *option!* Our hearty souls, known to eat pure lead shotgun pellets for breakfast included **Don Bray**, **Ed Chauff**, **Joe D'Anjou**, **Greg Dewitt**, **Vic Elliott**, **Annie "Oakley" Hennessey**, **Dave Herrick**, **Jeff Nocket** and **Jimmy Trahin**.

In the four-day marathon that consumed nearly 1,000 rounds, the eight events included 16 yd. trap, riot trap, 21 yd. trap, trap doubles, skeet, riot skeet, 28 ga. skeet and skeet doubles. It had been rumored "crap shooting" was going to be included but the coordinators found it difficult to procure a sufficient quantity of "target material" for the match. From my understanding (which I don't recall remembering) the sinful event was held in a more dignified manner at night on the Strip where nobody took home a medal!

The first two grueling days were devoted to trap where the team took a gold and three silvers. Nocket took an individual gold in 16 yd. with a 99x100 score and a silver in doubles. "Dead Eye" D'Anjou also took a gold with an unbelievable 98x100 in riot which is extremely difficult. Great shootin'! The final two days were spent blasting at skeet targets with ground temperatures pushing 120 degrees. We managed two silvers and one bronze in competition while downing large quantities of water like camels in the Sahara. Trahin captured a silver individual medal with a 98x100 as his sweat glands enlarged to the size of cantaloupes.

In total we brought home 44 medals for the department with every team member garnishing a minimum of two. Not too shabby considering the torrid conditions. After leaving the heat of 80 degrees, smog started looking real good heading south on Interstate 15 into San Bernardino.

Anyone interested in shooting with a team that loves a challenge should contact Trahin at (562) 698-2674 or via e-mail at jtrahin@ix.netcom.com. Shoot straight and remember: if you love your shotgun it will love you! ❖

Photos courtesy Bunso Trahin.

NEVADA GAMES SHOOTERS: (standing) Ed Chauff, Annie "Oakley" Hennessey, Dave Herrick, Vic Elliott; (kneeling) Jimmy Trahin, Jeff Nocket, Joe D'Anjou. Not pictured: Greg Dewitt, Don Bray.

Photos courtesy Bunso Trahin.

CALIFORNIA GAMES SHOOTERS: Dave Herrick, Vic Elliott, Jimmy Trahin, Bill Page, Greg Dewitt.

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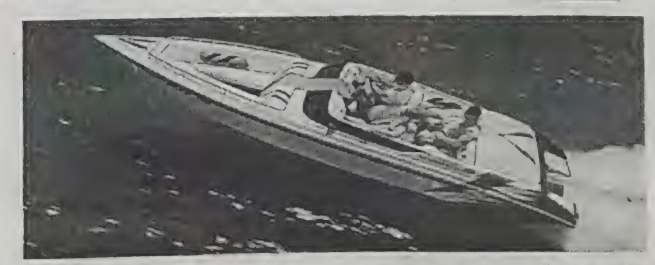

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Volleyball in Vegas

This year, the California Police and Fire Games didn't have enough volleyball teams to conduct a tournament, therefore we participated in the Nevada Police and Fire Games. The games were held September 19th-21st in Las Vegas.

The Men's Team played all day against great competition. The teams that participated were Honolulu Hawaii Police Dept, Henderson Nevada Fire Dept, LA Sheriffs, California Law Enforcement/CHP, and San Diego Fire Dept. **Andy Smith**, head coach and team captain did a great job and is commended for his dedication to the team, year after year. Other members of the team were: **Jeff Coles**, **Ben Kaniut**, **Roger Rampton**, **Rick Jackson**, **Erick Armstrong**, **Juan Reyes**, **Steve Roussell**, **Scott Burket**, and **Jason DeLaCova**.

This was the first year our Women's Team played in the Nevada games. We received the Gold Medal, beating Honolulu Hawaii Police Dept. Maybe next year they will show up and play! Participating year after year are: Team Captain **Julie Stranahan**, **Stacy Szmkowiak**, and **Melissa Lynch**.

For the first time in several years, the LAPD put together a Co-Ed team. The game was intense, but we came through and brought home the Gold Medal, crushing the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Dept. Congrats to the following officers: **Stacy Szmkowiak**, **Melissa Lynch**, **Julie Stranahan**, **Andy Smith**, **Jeff Coles**, **Rick Jackson**, **Scott Burket**, and **Ben Knuit**

Back row: Stacy Szmkowiak, Melissa Lynch, Roger Rampton, Andy Smith, Julie Stranahan, Rick Jackson, and Steve Roussell. Front row: Scott Burket, Jason DeLaCova, Erick Armstrong, Juan Reyes, Jeff Coles, and Ben Kanuit.

We are always looking for players, so if you are interested please contact Andy Smith 213-968-6236 or Julie Stranahan 310-721-6373. ❖

Sumo? You Know! LAPD Shows 'Guts'

by Troy Collins

A sport that has been around for over 1,400 years now has something new to boast about.

The Fifth North American Sumo Wrestling Championships were held August 5th in Long Beach. **Fernando Mora** (South Bureau Narcotics), **Mark Mireles** (Defense Rep. Section) and **Troy Collins** (Van Nuys Patrol and LAPD Centurions wrestling team) entered the competition to be the first-ever Police Sumo Wrestling Team.

Matches consisted of three-man teams. The trio advanced to the gold medal round to meet some 400- and 500-plus pounders. Best match of the lot was the last one. Mora, at a scant 185 pounds, grabbed hold of his 450-plus pound opponent and drove him out of the ring. That made it five out of six and gave him the gold medal. In the individual matches Mireles took the silver in the middleweight division by beating all but the two-time national champion from New Jersey. Mora was pushed out of the ring in his third match for the lightweight division, as was Collins in the middleweight division.

Mireles and Collins also entered the open age/weight round to meet the "big guys." Both drew the world's largest professional athlete, Emanuel Yarbrough, at...are you ready...6'0" and 740 pounds! Size beat might as Yarbrough, 500+ pounds heavier, won both matches. Collins placed third, receiving a bronze in that round.

You may soon see the team wearing a "Who's Next?" t-shirt. How's that for some international positive press for the Department? ❖

Ski & Snowboard Team Seeks Members

by Mike Braun

The LAPD Ski and Snowboard Team is gearing up for another season. If you have a passion for skiing or snowboarding and are interested in competing in various police winter games, then the team is for you. There are numerous fringe benefits available to team members including financial reimbursement, clothing and equipment deals, team ski days and a very organized program.

As we say every year, your ability level as a skier or boarder does not matter! As a competitor in either skiing or snowboarding events, you will only compete against people of your same age group and ability level. Our current team consists of about 40 officers who enjoy the competition of skiing and snowboarding. However, we always have room for more.

This year's events will be held in Mammoth, Aspen (Colorado), British Columbia (Canada) and Innsbruck (Austria). If this sounds interesting, you need to attend our annual meeting/party at the end of October. For more information, send an e-mail to lapdski@aol.com or call team captain **Mike Braun** at (661) 250-8167. ❖

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The starting time will be 8:00 a.m. and the tournament will be a shotgun team scramble. You may sign up as a single, double, triple, or team of four.

If you are interested in participating, please call Charlie Loust at

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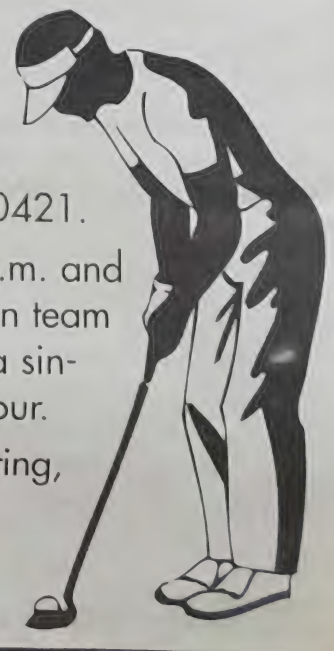

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow

LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

Only a few more days and we'll know if anyone was able to send the Power Pigs off to the packing house. The Prince of Pork, that Sultan of Swine, the Gatekeeper to Hog Heaven, Lt. Curly Tail himself, Paul von Lutzow, is hoping to lead his 77th Street Power Pigs to their 12th straight victory. Can they do it? Will there be no end to the snorting and grunting of joy over on South Broadway, or will the team from Farmer John cut the porkers down to size? Speaking of which…

Fall Bench Press Competition Nears…

It's not too late to plan on participating at the Fall Bench Press Competition, slated for Friday, Oct. 12, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. Applications will be accepted through the end of weigh-ins on Thursday, Oct. 11. Participants can choose to weigh in at any of three convenient locations: from 0700-1600 on the Academy Gym, and from 0700-1300 at either the Van Nuys or 77th Street weight rooms.

There will be a pre-contest meeting at 0830 on Friday with lifting getting underway at 0900. All participants must be dues current LAPRAAC members or retirees.

Flyers and applications are available at the LAPD Athletic Director's office. For more information, contact Officer Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

Sports Awards Dinner Tickets Now Available

Tickets are now available for the Sports Awards Dinner on *Friday, Nov. 30 at the Academy Gym*. Advance purchase is $20 *(table of ten for $200)*, a $5 savings off the "at-the-door" price. No-host attitude adjustment runs from 1700-1800 followed by a sumptuous Mexican Fiesta buffet, entertainment, and awards ceremonies.

We'll have a full report in the next issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. To purchase tickets, visit the LAPD Athletic Director's office on the ground floor of the Elysian Park Academy, or call Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

Basketball Captains Meeting Set for Oct. 30

If it's World Series time, that means the intradepartmental basketball season is just a few weeks away. All stations and units interested in fielding a team for the 2001-2002 season must have its team captain or representative attend an organizational meeting set for Tuesday, Oct. 30 (Halloween) at the Academy Lounge. The noon meeting will discuss rule changes, fees, schedules, and other important items. Lunch will be served to all attendees.

Reservations are a must! Call Athletic Department Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219 to RSVP.

Baker Vegas 2002, Part Deux

The second in a series of monthly meetings for Baker to Vegas team captains is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. Lunch will be served at the 1130 meeting. The Rio Suites and Convention Center has been confirmed as the host site for the 2002 race. Scheduled the weekend of April 20-21.

LAPRAAC Travel has exclusive packages for race participants and spectators, including round-trip airfare, three nights hotel accommodations and transfers between airport and hotel. Price (per person) ranges from $436 at the Circus Circus to $587 at the Monte Carlo (includes all taxes). For more info, call LAPRAAC Travel at (323) 221-4624.

I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise

If running and Stairmasters are your thing, then set aside Friday, Oct. 5th for the event of the year. The annual High-Rise Hero Stair Climb to the top of the library tower at 633 West Fifth in Downtown L.A. starts at 1630 hours, and is a fund-raiser for the Ketchum-Downtown YMCA. (If I remember correctly, the building is some 70+ stories tall.)

Cost to enter is $30 (120 for a four-person team). Cut-off for registration was Sept. 28, but latecomers will be allowed to register at the site on race day prior to the event. For more information, contact Enid Gomez at Fiscal and Support Bureaus, (213) 485-3277.

Feel Like a "Cop-puc-cino"?

More innovations from our friends at the Elysian Park Academy Café, who felt that the Wednesday "Krispy Kreme" sugar orgy just wasn't enough. Now open is a specialty coffee center aptly named "Cop-puc-cino". Stop on by for your favorite hot and iced drinks…say a double latte with a reload and a twist…or an iced mocha with finger-print powder? And if the caffeine rush isn't enough, be sure to drop by on a Wednesday so you can "cop-puc-cino" and "cop-a-doughnut" at the same time. (Hmmm, if they added a psychiatrist's office to the Café, would they call it…"cop-a-feel"?)

Also, a reminder the Café reopens on Tuesday through Friday at 1730 to offer a self-serve dinner during CEDP Training. Regular hours are 0600 to 1400 Monday through Friday. For more info, call Debbie or Marilyn at (323) 221-5222, ext. 215.

Academy Lounge Open at Night

The Elysian Park Academy Lounge is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 1700-2400 hours. Stop by and wait out the traffic or just wind down before heading home after a tough day. Every payday evening is "Salsa Night"…attitude adjustment is 1600-1800 (beverage specials and free appetizers) with free Salsa lessons at 1800 and dancing at 1900.

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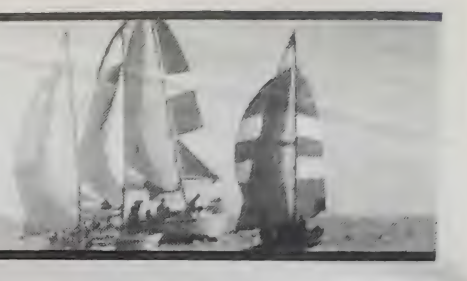

The *Retirement News* is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

I am writing this article early so I will be sure and get it in on time. As I told you, the article has to be in the Protective League office by the sixth of the month in order for it to be in *The Thin Blue Line* the following month. This is an especially sad day for me (August 27th). I lost my precious wife, Beverly, August 27, 2000, at 6:47 a.m. It is hard, and I guess we never get over it, but we try to get on with our lives. I am holding up fairly well. Have my good days and then my bad days. I had her for over 60 years, and they can never take that away from me. Thank you all for standing behind me through all the time she was in the hospital and the past year. I could have not made it without you all! Some of you know the hurt I have endured more than others.

Would you believe this, it's the end of August. This here year 2001 has sure gone fast. Guess this is what happens when you get old. Excuse me, older. Now I can't understand why it is happening to me. I am still a young buck. I have been 53 since 1970. Why, only yesterday a young lady of 70+ came up to me at the senior center and said, "You are the sexiest, handsomest, most desirable man I have ever seen." Then she turned around and walked into a wall. I lied a little. She wasn't 70+, more like 90+.

Well, have I been getting the calls for not putting an article in the August issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. It seems that at least some of you out there worry about me. Most everyone that called, when I answered said, "Are you all right?" and "Where in the hell have you been? You had us scared. Are you getting lazy or senile?" Well, I hate to admit it, but a little bit of both. I think I have a touch of old timers or I should say "a touch of some timers." I just plumb forgot. That's the way it happens when you're having fun. I was in Laughlin the last of June and the first part of July and didn't realize it was past the due date for my article, but hell I didn't have anything to write about anyway. You guys never call me to enlighten me with any scuttlebutt. Someone passes away who is a club member, and I, like everyone else, read it in *The Thin Blue Line* EOW column. I would like to know who has passed away, who is pregnant, who is sick, lame or where you have been. All I know about is me and I am sure you are not interested in my exploits. That's unless your name is **Goldsberry**. He called and gave me hell. He said, "I told you to get out and mingle and meet people or someone." He said, "If you don't use it, you lose it." Don't know what he meant, but I soon found out. Now he backs down and tells me, "Yandle, slow down. You're not young anymore."

Well, I have been traveling. I have been to Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Arizona. I already told you I went to Laughlin, Nevada, to visit my money. It is still there. And I am sorry to say I left some more. It just wasn't my time. I can't even win at California Lottery since the change-over to this new game of five numbers and a mega. Like to know who thought up that nightmare. It only makes money for California Lottery. I have bought tickets all over this state, traveled the back roads into even the farm belt. Even dressed in old bib overalls. Got me an old dilapidated straw hat, smeared soft tomatoes all over the overalls, stuck a straw in my mouth, and even tried to disguise my voice by talking foreign. It didn't help. I lost and lost and lost. Even went to that hot liquor store in south L.A. dressed like a homeless person. The guy looked at me kinda funny when I said, "Punch me out a hundred dollars worth of $5 quick picks." Well, I didn't win anything on that venture either. I can't win at Laughlin, can't win the Lottery. Maybe I'll get lucky someplace else. Who's kidding who? No, Goldsberry, I want no remarks from you. I know what you're thinking.

August 20th I was playing my favorite game at the Flamingo in Laughlin when someone behind me said, "They let any old Fuzz that Wuzz in this joint." I turned around and there was my old buddy and former sergeant, **Ted Rushton**. It seems he likes Keno, too. Ester (Ted's wife) was off spinning the wheels off of her favorite slot machine. Never did get to see Ester. Seems Ted has had a serious bout with shingles. Damn, never bought the farm. Those critters are dangerous. Ted lost a lot of weight, but I am happy to say he is well on the way to recovery and says they will see me in October.

August 20th they had to call the paramedics on me. Seems that I had forgotten to take my medication and had had a mini stroke. I believe they call it a T.I.A. But I am okay now. Went to the doctor when I got back. He took all the necessary tests and says I'm okay (for an old guy).

We have quite a few new retirees who are moving out our way and want to join our club. It is still only $5 per year per family and even considers those who are living together. I believe they call it shacking up. I wouldn't know about those things. I am young and innocent. Now Goldsberry, don't you start. I know what you're thinking.

I have been so busy traveling that I have not started the cardiac renewal session. I have taken my EKG and start my sessions August 30th. Takes seven weeks straight. I still believe in it and am anxious to start. I'll keep you posted and will give you an update at the next luncheon October 10th.

Been thinking about moving to Kingman, Ariz. If I decide, I'll contact all the clubs in Laughlin and maybe we can have our luncheons there three or four times a year. How would you like that? Bet our membership would increase from 250 to 750 or even a thousand. Nothing definitive yet.

The next luncheon of Inland Blue Line will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2001. Same place (Anchor Restaurant) in Hemet, Calif. (God's waiting room). Tariff is still $11 per person. Tax and tip are included. Open bar for those of you who partake in a wee bit of spirits. Be prepared for a short meeting with a cracker jack of a speaker. We are not as young as we used to be, and as we age, sad to say, (God forbid) we lose our spouse, and say down the road you should meet someone who tickles your fancy. Well, those who have experienced this before found they were up creek without a paddle. But thanks to a great guy like **Jack Horrall**, this has all changed. I won't elaborate. You'll have to come and hear it for yourself. What takes place, what you need to do and where to go to make it happen, it promises to be a bang-up lecture. Jack will kill me if Judy doesn't get to me first. But I have confidence in Jack and I know he and Judy have worked on this for a long time.

I got some slack about my September article, but I have to call it like I see it. And I was up at the Academy a couple of weeks ago and was shocked at what I saw. **Doc Vance** would turn over in his grave if he saw what I saw. I can see why now they want some retirees to reenlist. Thanks but no thanks. I loved working for the LAPD. It treated me right, and I gave it my all. What a great bunch of guys. We had the greatest chiefs and supervisors. I'm talking about 1940 to 1970. Where else could you get a retirement like we get for doing what you like to do? Any comment.

Be careful. Buckle up, carry a shot gun or a big club. It's a jungle out there. We need you around for the next 30 years. Just read a book on how to live to be 150. Goodbye and God bless. ❖

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by Bernie Remas

Columbus Day 2001

For that great explorer, Christopher Columbus, who founded America, we celebrate his birthday this month! With all the modern day conveniences we now have, it is truly remarkable that this sailor traveled a long way and found this new land—so many miles away!

So raise your glasses on high! Toast this man for overcoming fantastic obstacles, sailing the open and uncharted seas, ignoring the naysayers, and displaying the intestinal fortitude to stay the course! Sounds like what one needs to do today to "work the streets" of Los Angeles!

It needs to be said that my contemporaries who write these *Blue Line* articles for their respective retired groups, do an outstanding job. Each month I read with enthusiasm the different reports from around the region. Especially my old Hollywood Detective x-partner **Lloyd Yandle**. There's another x-partner "ol' Blue" **Neil Parker**, plus **Dave Aikins** and **Clint Erickson**. I'm sure I've missed a few of you, so please forgive me. You guys always write about someone I know, or knew, or worked with or around. Hope all of you appreciate their efforts! Thanks from SABLA! It's good to see everyone hangin' on!!

I believe it is now safe to say that you missed another great LAPD BBQ & picnic at **Ron & Marilyn Kiser**'s vineyard in Sonoma. If you were there, then you know who was there, unless you didn't recognize them, and they didn't recognize you!! Here's some of the ex-LAPDers that were there. How about **George Beck**? Then how about **Ted Ogelsby**, or **Dick McDonald**, or **Jerry McClain** or **Duane Lloyd** or **Charlie Duke**, an ol' Metro SWAT veteran? There was **Rich Devlin**, the **John Krasts**, ex-SABLA regulars when they lived in Cool, **Bob Carlton**, **Bill Young**, and a name from my 77th past, **Bill Leitz**! How about **Barbara Worden**, or **Jack Williams** and my favorites **Roger Williams** and **Lou Monico**, another 77th vet when times were "tough"! Then another ol' partner from 77th, **Morris** "Mac" **Candlish**! Man! Did Mac and I love to have Code 7 together at Rand's Roundup on Figueroa!

Just to see who could eat the most! The 45-minute Code 7 was just barely enough time to finish! Right Mac?

Another 77th veteran was **Rolph Lucke**! How about **Abel Armas** and **Curtis Edwards**? Remember them from 77th? We could have had the 77th reunion here this year instead of Las Vegas! And you would not have believed who also showed up, all the way from up in Washington. None other than another icon from days past—**Max Hurlbut**! He became an icon BEFORE the word was in Webster's! There was more. Some of the names look like a history book of former "greats" from the past days of LAPD! Where were you? I'll have more names next month!

The weather is always great and Ron & Marilyn Kiser are the best hosts you could ever ask for at an event this size. If you missed again, shame, shame, shame!

Chuck Ward called me last week—a toll call for him. He requested I print a retraction in the *Blue Line*! It seems I didn't overhear the bragging he was doing—correctly. Anyway, I reported here that Chuck has been celebrating a reunion of his high school class of the year 1937! Well, did he correct me! "Bernie," he says, "that was the year I graduated from grammar school not high school! You made me four years older than I am!" So I says, "But I heard you say there were 40 at this reunion. Are there really that many left?" Chuck says, "Yes!"

So okay. His wife, Lorrie, will be happy to know that I just made him four years younger in just a couple of months. I make mistakes. I'm sorry, Chuck. But 1937??

I got a couple of real fine letters from two great guys—**Larry Graham** in Sequim, WA, and **Gary** "Buffalo" **Strickland** down in Oceanside in SoCal! Thanks for kind words. It was great to hear from two of the ol' SWAT superstars!! Believe me, they were good! They still are, believe me!

And another ol' SWAT performer is SABLA's **Tom Vigen** of Shingle Springs. Tom is still challenging in a big way. But not with guns and ammo. His great skill is as a weightlifter! The California Police & Fire Games were held in San Jose this year on August 17th. Tom was again a member of the infamous LAPD "over-the-hill gang" bench press team with **Rex Shields** and **Sam Colella**. And did they "knock them on their ear!"

All three set new Police & Fire Summer Games records! Rex (age 62) lifted 330 pounds! Sam (age 68) lifted 281 pounds! Aren't these guys fantastic?

Our SABLAguy, Tom Vigen (age 61), lifted 352 pounds! That weight TIES the world record of the WABDL (World Assn. Of Benchers & Dead Lifters)!! Congratulations to all three of you!! But we kinda have a "soft spot" for Tom, 'cause he's one of "our guys"!!

Tom! Can you get Rex and Sam to join SABLA? Then we'd have all three of you in our group and we could claim even bigger braggin' rights!! Terrific accomplishments, you three!!

I almost forgot our August luncheon at Friends. It was a busy month, and we had a guest speaker—**John Barrow**, the Chief of Police from here in Roseville. He was the guest of **Lew Ritter** who looks like he's finally really retired. Chief Barrow is a "mustang," having worked his way up through the ranks for 28 years and appointed Chief two years ago. He described the operations of his department and the tremendous growth factors he has been dealing with recently. With 90 sworn, a Comm. Center and a jail, he's one busy guy! Seventy-five percent of his sworn live in Roseville!

Do you believe he has a waiting list for the police officer openings, when he has one?? And they do not offer a bonus for signing up!! We're happy he had time to come talk with us!

At the luncheon were regulars **Ray Lauritzen**, **Hal White**, **Charlie Long**, and **Bill** & **Muriel McMonagle**. At another table according to **Gene DeCrona** were John-John, **John Ide** and **John L'Estelle** with **Roy Kerton**, and a stranger but still around—**Tony Baldassano**. At another table was Jim-Jim!, **Jim Bird** and **Jim Mesken** **Chuck Crawford** and **Art Van Court** were there. Where were you?

We also had **John Birrer**, #16020, who retired from Devonshire Detectives in 1990, and now makes his home in Healdsburg, up in the wine country! He was in the neighborhood for his daughter's wedding and stopped by to see us. He has his own business now since retiring, called Asepsis Technology. We need for him to return and explain what Trauma Scene Management really means! Hurry back, John!

Last July, a new SABLAguy, **Bruce Bell**, from "down 395" in Bishop, asked me if I ever added up the years of LAPD service of the guys at the luncheon! I said no, but I'd give it a try. For August we had 19 that gave me their total LAPD years—499 years! That's an average of 26.2 years! But that does NOT include what they "put in" AFTER they left LAPD! Bruce! How do I add all those years into the mix??

So now we are just like the retirement years in the *Blue Line*. Well, almost.

And a special "thanks" to all of you who make a special effort to join with us on the second Thursday of the month! We enjoy having ALL of you. Now pay your dues! Fifteen dollars for a whole year. And not only do you receive Hoy's newsletter, but you'll get to meet and greet with the best retired police officers in the world!

Our next luncheon is Thursday, October 11, 2001, Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 & Zinfandel, Rancho Cordova, 1130 hours.

If you're traveling this way in November, the date is Thursday, November 8, 2001. Same place, same time.

For sending us $15 dues, greetings, a card, a photo or whatever, our mailbox is still P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353.

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The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A warm greeting from the Central Coast. A lot of the tourists have filtered out of the area and things are calming down a bit; however, in both the north and south portions of San Luis Obispo County, numerous events are scheduled to take place in October. In Paso Robles there is Pioneer Day on the 6th and the annual Harvest Wine Festival on the 19th to the 21st. Atascadero has its Colony Days celebration on the 20th. The city of San Luis Obispo (SLO) celebrates its Halloween Hoopla on the 25th at the famous Farmers Market, downtown and additionally hosts its ninth annual International Film Festival between the 25th and 30th. Morro Bay presents its Harbor Festival on the 6th and 7th and Pismo Beach hosts the Clam Festival on the 19th and 20th. Throw in the October Festival on the 18th in Nipomo and you have just a few of the events scheduled for this month. November and December are loaded with fun-filled stuff too. There is always something for everyone to enjoy.

Our Fuzz auction at Rosa's Italian Restaurant went off on September 20th.

Frank Beeson (foreground), John Bradbury (middle), and Aileen Rackerby (rear).

I'll have a lot of stuff on that event next time. **Tom & Dorie Zwinger** put a lot of effort into the event. **Frank Beeson**, **John Bradbury**, and **Aileen Rackerby** (photo) are shown enjoying last year's auction.

A while back I was mentioning the need to stay in the best physical shape possible, especially for us retired guys and gals. Sometimes it is best to have a goal to keep focused on what we need to do. I'll just pass something on in case you have not heard of it. It's the Huntsman's Senior Games held in St. George, Utah, during October 8th to the 20th of this year. Great place to visit, as there are many natural wonders to see. It's about 411 miles from L.A. and most of those traveling stop off overnight in Las Vegas. The games began in 1987 with 500 participants and last year it totaled 5,739 from just about every major country in the world. The opening ceremonies are truly impressive. The only requirement is that you have to be 50 years of age. Hey, no problem there, right? Whatever your specialty, it is no doubt included. They have competition in just about everything. The games include bowling, cycling, horseshoes, mountain biking, racquetball, square dancing, swimming, table tennis, basketball and volleyball, just to name a few. Oh, yeah, golf is definitely a hot item. I was a participant last year in the softball category for guys 60+ and competed on a team from San Luis Obispo (SLO Pokes) and played against senior athletes from all over the USA, including Canada. I'll be doing the same thing this year. By the time this is published, it will be too late to register, but it is something to keep in mind and possibly prepare for next year. They have a neat Web site at www.seniorgames.net that will provide you with all the information you need. Check it out.

Recently, **Judy** and I dropped by ASD, where we had a nice visit with gregarious Astro Pilot **Brent Jones**. Brent filled us in on the advantages of the Department's new Aerospecial B-2 model helicopter. A few years back, Brent and I used to pass the time in the cockpit trading remarkable stories about our golden retrievers, Taffy and Einstein, describing how awesome they were. I was saddened to hear that Einstein recently passed on leaving quite a void in the lives of Brent and his family. What delight and companionship these wonderful animals bring us.

Take care. Catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com.

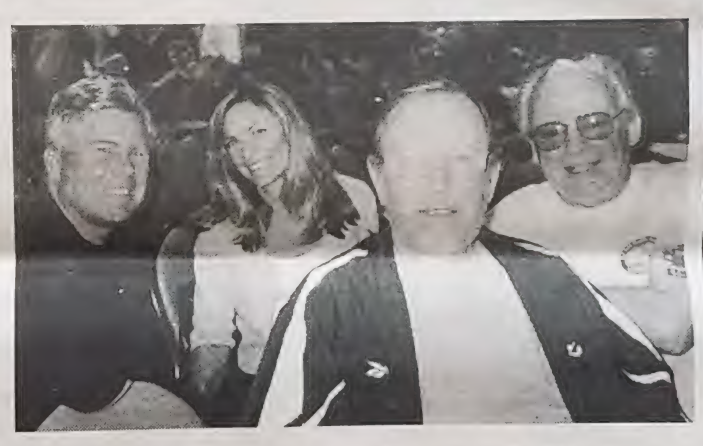
KMA ❖

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker
Photos by Corky Rochlitz and Mike Melancon

Old Blue runners, sure hope that your summer (vacation) was as great as ours, and I'm sure that it was. As a matter of fact, we also had a great spring as evidenced by these fun-filled pictures. You, too, can also have your picture gracing these pages this coming racing year, and we'd love to have you with us. Our meetings are held rain or shine at 8:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month from October through March in Griffith Park. Just get off of the northbound I-5 at the Griffith Park exit and r/t at the end of the ramp. Drive about a half mile to the Park Rangers HQ and r/t again down to the baseball field. What, at first blush, appears to be a senior citizens convention are really the young ladies and gentlemen of the Old Blue Running Team having a few laughs and giggles before our practice meet begins. Come on out and be a runner, a reminiscer or a supporter. Whatever, you'll have a lot of fun and all hands are very welcome. Drinking water is provided for everyone, as is a FREE breakfast at the G.P. golf course for all first timers. (Note, that's first timers, not old timers.) All of this culminates at the Rio Hotel in Vegas in mid-April, 2002, when the 18th running of the Baker-Vegas race takes place. We've got a super great bunch of folks on our team and since you, dear reader, are also in that category, we especially invite you to come on down. Bring your life mate, house mate, class mate, soul mate or whatever else your main squeeze is known as these days. Everyone is welcome whether they run or not. There are no fees or dues involved except when we go to the B-V race and, of course, in Las Vegas there is very little that is free gratis.

We'll see you at Griffith Park, and in honor of all our Italian pals and partners, have a very happy Columbus Day! ❖



Waiting for the awards to be given at the Rio Hotel for the Baker-Vegas Race 2001 are L-R: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Becker, Keith Allen, Neil Parker.

L-R: Bob Carter and Bruce Hoover accepting their well earned trophies at B-V Race 2001.

John Marnell crossing the finish line at the Baker-Vegas Race 2001. Look at that crowd.

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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on October 17, 2001 (third Wednesday) at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We have no specific start time, and many arrive between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. to visit over a cup of coffee as the lunch orders are not taken until 11:00 a.m. For those that have never attended, our menu consists of lunch or breakfast entries and salads in the price range of six to eight dollars.

We had 30 at the August 15th luncheon. The following were present: **Barney Boronich** (3861), **Ken Brondel** (3336), **Jim Davis** (14365), **Frances Davidson**, **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Hillard** (Curly) **Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bob** (4583) and **Martha Fritz**, **Robert Gibson** (4585), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Carl Hegge** (6234), **Morrie Henkin** (5237), **Glen Kailey** (3503), **John Kepke** (4603), **Steve Kijula** (10814), **George Kritzman** (5000), **Bob Lisenby** (29795), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Joe Nieznalski** (5014), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Bob Pawling** (7556), **Richard** (Dutch) **Reynolds** (7815), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), and **Marion Yates**.

This was the first time Steve Kijula, George Kritzman, and Bob Lisenby attended one of our luncheons. It had been over 15 years since Dutch Reynolds and Bob Pawling had attended a lunch.

Our annual BBQ will be on October 21st at the usual location, which is **Dale Rickard**'s ranch, 33173 W. Mulholland Hwy, Malibu, CA. This is the same as Hwy 23 that goes from the Ventura Freeway to Pacific Coast Highway and is about six miles south of the Ventura Freeway. The cost this year is $15 each and payable in advance to me by October 15th. Hope many of you retirees will be able to attend this year and renew old friendships and see a lot of old Western movie and television props Dale has accumulated.

If you are not already aware of the new Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association Web site, I am including it here, and it is www.larfps.org. There is a lot of good information already on it, and more is being added from time to time.

If there are any retired Valley officers not able to attend our meetings that have information of interest to officers attending our meetings, just send me a note to my e-mail address below.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

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October			
October 1	Cop-puc-cino Coffee Bar Opening @ Police Academy		
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October 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
October 21	Valley Retired Blues BBQ	1200	
November			
November 3	Police Expo @ L.A. County Fairgrounds	1000	
November 3	Northwest Coast Blueknights BBQ		
November 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
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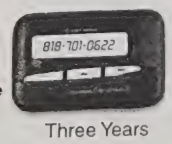

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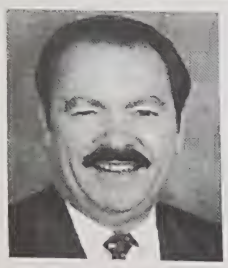

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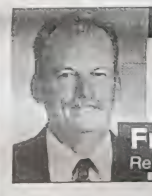

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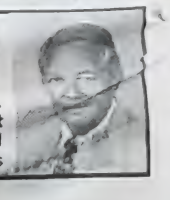

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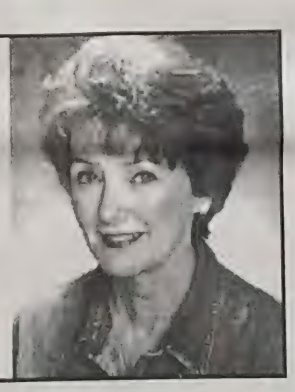

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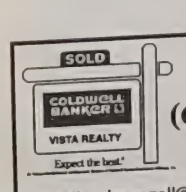

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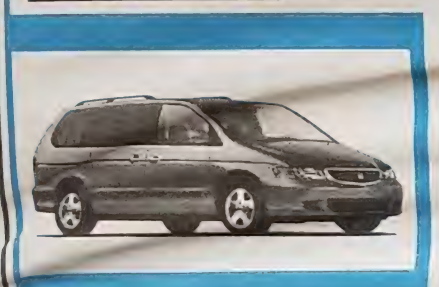

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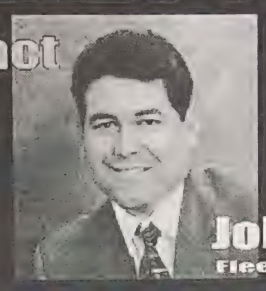

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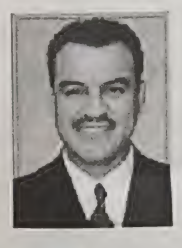

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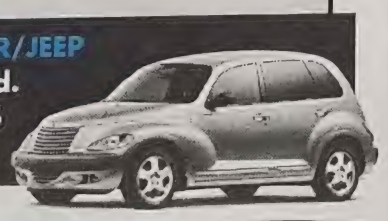

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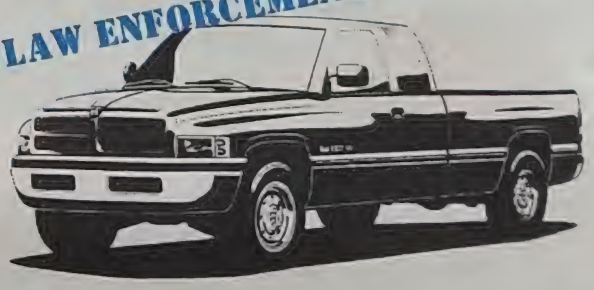

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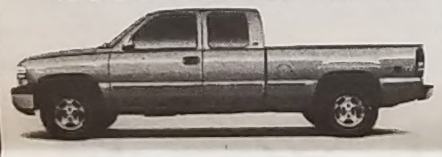

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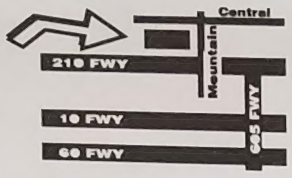

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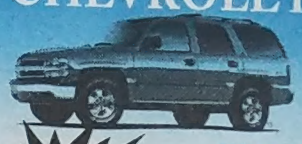

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